هكذا من الاصل
LIBRARY - THE UNIVERSITY OF

November 18 1975

THE TIMES

Peter Jay assesses the weekend summit in France, p 14

ambouillet pledge to ght world recession

n to lead the world out of recession sed yesterday by leaders of six fore- strial countries as their Rambouillet ummit ended. Mr Wilson said that he heartened by the feeling that recovery ent and President Ford indicated that ld look forward to "more jobs, less

ıde war ruled out economic summit

Blake and ove

f the six most ustrialized nations communist world hree-day economic with a pledge of o lead the world on and to cooper- nic, monetary and

j of talks at the Rambouillet just , the leaders of iany, Italy, Japan, Kingdom and the promised to act he coming months of Rambouillet", have coined to ense of unity felt ssions.

government vied ther to come up st positive assess- 'ilson said that he heartened" by the ecovery was immi- at there was an of individual iblems. President aing spoke warmly ting, emphasizing fact that it could owed a remarkable eration.

Ford was the most his assessment of ing that as a result arted there, "the our countries can to more jobs, less a greater sense of urity".

Schmidt, the West ncellor, recognized, g produced few eements on techni- although it suc- olving the quarrel nce and the United the future of the ange rate system. greement reached two and welcomed ers, there is likely central bank inter- nooth out erratic n parity, particu- rity of the dollar countries of the "snake", most ice, Germany and iations.

question of mone- which lay behind card's original call imit, but it has iderably in scope from the idea he n July. Instead of being a friendly "fireside chat", between world leaders about the general nature of the problems facing western democracies, it has turned into an attempt to provide reassurance about certain very specific areas of policy. The two most important, apart from the monetary agreement, were the speed and certainty of recovery from the present recession, and the risk of a new trade war breaking out as part of more general "beggar my neighbour" attitudes.

There has been no new commitment to reflation and the leaders go out of their way to emphasize their confidence that they are already pursuing policies which will lead to a steady and sustainable climb out of recession. However, they do recognize that the situation will, to say the least, require careful watching during 1976. Most expert forecasts predict that western Europe will experience rising unemployment throughout the year as a result of a weak pick-up in its level of economic activity.

The risk of a trade war is seen by many of the leaders both as a natural consequence of the current recession—which has produced 12,500,000 unemployed in the six countries taking part—and a possible cause of its continuation.

The risk of a trade credit war as countries try to improve exports by offering special low interest loans also received attention, and there is hope of a new agreement to prevent it getting worse. The biggest problem at the moment, however, is the likelihood that some countries will feel the need to impose import controls without waiting to see what comes out of the current round of trade negotiations. All the countries renewed their commitment to the OECD pledge that they will not resort to measures such as import controls. Britain went along with this, but Mr Wilson made clear that the Government feels it has the right to introduce controls to help certain specific industries. He told his colleagues of "signs of lethal attacks directed to destroying two or three sectors in industry for the permanent future."

Photograph and text, page 7; leading article, page 15; Business News, page 19.

Goodbye to advertisements for a Girl Friday or railway waiting rooms for women only

Watch on jobs and schools under Sex Discrimination Act

By David Leigh

As the new year approaches, the Equal Opportunities Commission is preparing to assume the legal powers given by last week's Royal Assent to the Sex Discrimination Bill. The two women appointed by the Home Secretary to head the organization are generating much publicity.

Newspaper advertisements for a "Girl Friday" or a "Man with strong personality for executive position" will be illegal. Schools are being told that they may not be able to use reading books with mummy in the kitchen and daddy out in the garden shed. Just possibly the things that make it a man's world may also go in the end.

Lady Howe, vice-chairman of the commission, called at a lunch in London yesterday for advertiser not simply to stop discriminatory job advertisements but to stop reinforcing traditional stereotypes of women's role by depicting them in posters and television advertisements holding the washing-up liquid.

Miss Netty Lockwood, who was national woman's officer of the Labour Party before becoming the commission's chairman, was also secretary of the National Joint Committee of Working Women's Organizations. She gave notice at a press conference yesterday that next year primary reading books showing conventional sex roles should be withdrawn. Boys should get a proper grounding in home economics and parenthood.

Miss Lockwood said she was concerned that men should accept much more responsibility in the home. "Why should it always be the woman who takes little Johnny to the dentist?" she asked. Men, too, should work fewer hours, or part time, and share in the woman's traditional family duties.

The commission, which will be based in Manchester and build up to a staff of 400 and a budget of £2.25m, spread over a number of regional offices, will try to set a good example. Part-time jobs are being made available.

"All of us have got to re-examine our attitudes, at work and in the home", Miss Lockwood said.

British Rail has recently reviewed its operations in the light of the Act. There are no women engine drivers or guards, but there is no ban on them. British Rail has set about complying with the Act by abolishing women's waiting rooms.

Schools and the sort of careers advice they give are going to be closely watched. It is within the commission's powers to investigate what is taught in schools, or by local authorities, and make enforceable rulings on them, a power that even the Department of Education does not have.

"I think the commission will need to use its powers", Miss Lockwood said. "But it will want first to cooperate with organizations."

Boys certainly ought to be made to pay attention to home-making in school: there were more men under 40 now than women, she pointed out with some little relish. That male surplus was going to end up living in bachelor solitude.

The commission will also be empowered to study all the areas of legislation and national life in which women have complained of being ignored. That will include pensions, the Inland Revenue and Supplementary Benefits Commission and two especially thorny areas: the age of retirement, which it would cost a great deal to equalize, and the Factory Act prohibitions on women doing night work.

Miss Lockwood, who left school at Dewsbury, Yorkshire, at 14, when girls were expected to go into the mill, and Lady Howe, who is married to Sir Geoffrey Howe, the shadow Chancellor, will go to the United States next spring to study how equal rights have fared there.

Hadrian's wall extension found

By Norman Hammond
Archaeological Correspondent

A western extension of the defensive system of Hadrian's Wall, the northern frontier of the Roman Empire, has been discovered in Cumbria. It lies west of Carlisle, on the south shore of the Solway Firth, and seems to date to the first phase of the frontier's construction. It consists of parallel ditches with palisades between which lie a series of fortlets and towers.

The discovery was made by Professor Barri Jones, of Manchester University, when parch marks, visible from the air, appeared during the dry summer weather.

Professor Jones said: "The termination of the elaborate wall and vallum system at Bowness and its replacement by an apparently far weaker one dependent on isolated mile-fortlets and towers, some of which were already known, have always been against the dictates of both common sense and topography, as there is no natural change in the Solway coastline." He had predicted that a more integrated system would prove to have existed.

Study of the area around the first mile-fortlet to the west of Bowness, at Biglands, disclosed two parallel ditches 46 metres apart approaching the front and rear of the site from the north-east. Farther west, at Cardurnock, two ditches 30 metres apart were traced for more than a kilometre from the air.

At Biglands the ditches seemed to coincide with the earlier phase of the site, and excavation showed that the northern, forward ditch had been recut at least twice, while the southern was of a single phase only, with a sump of "ankle-breaker" type. In the fine silt fill a fragment of pottery was found, part of a wide-mouthed jar of Severn Valley fabric. That pottery appears on Hadrian's Wall only in its first

Continued on page 2, col 1



Horses ploughing in the traditional way at Chiddingfold, Surrey.

New round in 'cod war' likely after talks with Iceland break down

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

The talks on a new fishing agreement between Britain and Iceland broke down yesterday. Mr Hattersley, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, who returned home from Reykjavik last night, said the talks were at a standstill, but that he was ready to resume the discussions if Iceland showed any signs of willingness to make progress.

The difference between the two sides is quite a wide one. Britain proposed a figure of 110,000 tons, a reduction of 20,000 tons in the annual catch of cod allowed in waters claimed by Iceland, as opposed to an Icelandic offer of only 65,000 tons.

British sources indicated yesterday that they were prepared to negotiate further on the 110,000 tons offer, and on related matters like the size of nets, but the Iceland position remained obdurate. A new round in the "cod war" seems likely, therefore, especially after the incidents last weekend when Icelandic vessels cut two British trawlers' wires.

Mr Hattersley, in a statement in Reykjavik yesterday, made it clear that British trawlermen would continue to fish as if the interim agreement was still in force. They would have firm support in the event of molestation. "Neither they nor anybody else should be in any doubt that, if they need protection, they will most certainly have it", he said.

In addition to three oil-rig supply vessels that have been hired by the Government to protect the trawlers if the need arises, the Royal Navy has detailed frigates for escort duties. They are on four days' notice. Two support vessels equipped to give medical and technical help have been chartered by the Government and have been off Iceland for some time.

Mr Agustsson, the Iceland Foreign Minister, said yesterday he expected Iceland would have to defend its new 200-mile limit. Although Iceland has only six patrol boats for this task Icelandic sources explained yesterday that most of the British fishing grounds are near the old 50-miles limit and so defending the area was not as difficult as it might seem.

"We shall do our utmost to to save what can be saved", the sources said.

Mr Hattersley, who called on Mr Hallgrimsson, the Icelandic Prime Minister yesterday, brought back a personal letter from him to Mr Wilson. The previous dispute two years ago was resolved by the Prime Ministers, but there are no new proposals on the Icelandic side, it is understood.

Talks between Iceland and West Germany open in Bonn today, but as the West Germans catch mainly red fish, not cod, the problems are different.

In talks in London yesterday held by the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Committee, Iceland proposed a total prohibition on herring fishing in the North Sea.

Leading article, page 15

7,355 doctors vote for industrial action

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

Of the 14,213 valid votes received in the junior hospital doctors' ballot, the result of which was announced yesterday, 7,355 were in favour of industrial action.

Although 5,336 voted against that action, 51.7 per cent decided, in the words of the question on the ballot paper, that they were personally prepared to engage in industrial action and to sustain it until the Government is willing to provide additional money.

They did so despite a warning from their leaders on the hospital junior staffs committee of the British Medical Association that the fight would be hard and bitter if industrial action was taken.

[The doctors decided last night to ask the British Medical Association council to approve official industrial action as soon as practicable (the Press Association reports). The action will be to work a 40-hour week flexibly according to local needs, and dealing with emergencies only. The doctors want a basic salary for a 40-hour week, extra payment within the pay policy for hours over 40, plus clinical assistant rates of £11.50 for 3½-hour sessions for work beyond 80.]

In the ballot of 19,000 junior doctors the number of papers received was 14,440, but 227 were defective, leaving 14,213 valid votes. Of those, 12,009 accepted the concept of the new contract, and 2,192 rejected it.

To the question whether they were content to continue on the existing contract (which is 80 hours a week plus extra duty allowance), 1,077 voted "yes" and 2,436 "no".

The juniors were asked to give their first and second choice in answering the three options offered by the Government, which are within the pay policy. The first was to postpone implementation of the new contract until April, when extra money may be available: 1,317 voted for that as first choice and 1,832 as second choice.

The second option, which was the new possibility introduced after two days' negotiation with Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, and her officials, was for a phased introduction of the new contract so that all doctors beginning new appointments or changing jobs would go on to the new contract while others remain on the old one; 2,580 voted for that as their first choice and 2,143 as the second choice.

The third option was to implement the new contract immediately as priced by the review body (which meant that a third of the 19,000 juniors would lose money): 1,799 voted for that option as first choice and 929 as second choice.

Mrs Castle said last night: "Any vote for industrial action in the NHS is to be deplored. Industrial action by even a third of junior hospital doctors, only 7,355 junior doctors out of a total of 20,300 junior doctors in the country, could have desperate consequences for the patients who depend on them."

Failure rate rises, page 5

Amnesty finds Soviet law guilty of bias

By Our Foreign Staff

Soviet law is "wholly inadequate" in protecting the rights of people charged with political offences and suspected of being mentally ill, according to a report published yesterday by Amnesty International. The common assumption that abuses derive mainly from failures to observe the law, says the report, is therefore demolished.

Once a person is suspected of being mentally ill, the report points out, he is denied any right to influence the legal or medical decisions made in his case. He need not even be told about them until he is sent for confinement to a mental hospital.

The report is one of the most detailed that Amnesty International has ever published on a single country. It estimates that there are about 10,000 political and religious prisoners in the Soviet Union, but admits the absence of reliable information. Most political prisoners are charged under the criminal code for offences such as "anti-Soviet agitation and slander".

Soviet prison conditions are also strongly criticized in the report. Most prisoners are kept in constant hunger, it says, and the work is often unhealthy or dangerous.

In the special mental hospitals, to which political offenders are sometimes confined, convicted criminal prisoners are employed as orderlies and frequently beat up inmates, who have no access to any mechanism of appeal or complaint.

The report is being published simultaneously in English, Dutch, German, French and Swedish. Its detailed recommendations for changes in Soviet laws and procedures will also be published in Russian, since Amnesty would like to discuss them seriously with Soviet lawyers.

An Amnesty official said yesterday that the Soviet Union was far from being the only country in need of reforms, although it was a "very bleak spot on the human rights map". In Amnesty's experience, the report says, there has never been an acquittal of a political defendant in the Soviet Union.

Bernard Levin, page 14

rd 9-month for ndustry

drop in British business the beginning of the world is now almost certain to be year. Official figures show a drop in the output of goods during the first nine months over, the pace of the decline slowing considerably. The nths of the year are expected show some signs of recovery

Page 19

son discusses r with Mr Ford

has had discussions with d on the problems of the ompany's loss-making British told a press conference in not asked for United States elp. He said the Government a statement on Chrysler to on, though not necessarily

Riccardo talks, Page 19

its fear

rion and maintenance cuts nced, and others believed to deration, lead traffic experts ritain may return to wartime orse in the 1980s. Hundreds villages may continue to

Page 5

auss relents

ef Strauss, leader of the tian Social Union, appears concessions to his partners the Christian Democratic wo parties are trying to ed front for next year's

Page 6

ion decision

it's views on the report of nvention will not be made rly next year, Mr Rees, the ate, has made that clear to aisley and other leaders of er Unionist Coalition

Page 2

Mystery cloaks the Goncourt winner

After fire bombs and police in profusion, the eventual selection of this year's winner of the Prix Goncourt was made in the same atmosphere of drama. The identity of the prizewinner remained cloaked in mystery after the jury announced their verdict at the Place Gaillot in Paris

Page 6

Underwater search

The trustees of the British Museum have decided to continue to support next season's treasure hunt for the largest store of fragments of archaic Greek pottery known to be still extant, in an eighteenth-century wreck off the Isles of Scilly

Leonard Buckley, page 10

Angola air war likely

The armoured column of nationalist and mercenary troops, advancing on the Angolan capital, Luanda, is expecting an early attack by MiG21 fighters. With other modern Soviet weapons, the jets are reported to be arriving daily to help the Moscow-backed MPLA movement defend the city

Page 6

Four acquitted: Four men, alleged by a police informer to have taken part in a wages robbery with him in 1969, have been cleared by a jury 2

Devolution survey: Both proponents and opponents of devolution drew comfort from an opinion poll, published yesterday 4

Harvest down: Cereal yields are expected to be well below last year's level 4

Bilingual aid: Gwynedd council is asking the Government for a big contribution towards the cost of its bilingual policy 5

Portugal: Some MPs leave Lisbon because of disorders and hold meeting in Oporto 6

Australia: Mr Fraser's speech revealing the country's economic plight is seen by observers as a slight anti-climax 9

Oman: A 14-page Special Report on Sultan Qaboos's first five years as ruler of "the last corner of Arabia"

Britain to import steel from Europe

Steel produced by European competitors is to be imported by the British Steel Corporation to meet contracts placed by United Kingdom consumers. The decision to import comes at a time when the state steel organization is making heavy losses and wants to shed thousands of jobs. MPs are likely to demand explanations when Parliament reassembles tomorrow

Page 19

On other pages

Features, pages 11 and 14
Bernard Levin on Amnesty International's graphic report on the treatment of Russia's prisoners of conscience; David Spanier on the shrinking diplomatic world of the Foreign Office; Prudence Glynn on fashion

Leader, page 15
Letters: On Australian crisis, from Professor Colin Howard and Lord Boyd-Carpenter; on police psychological methods, from Sir Geoffrey Jackson and others

Leading articles: The summit meeting; visit of President Nyerere; Cod war threat

Arts, page 10
Paul Overy discusses the art of Paul Nash; Alan Coren on The Tale of Timothy Bagshott (BBC 1); Leonard Buckley on Colossus (BBC 2)

Obituary, page 17
R. C. Sherriff; Lord Tucker

Sport, pages 12 and 13
Football: More injuries for England party as they leave for Portugal; **Rugby Union:** Stanley's XV named to meet Oxford University; **Cricket:** West Indians beat New South Wales; **Racing:** Programmes for three meetings

Business News, pages 18-23
Stock markets: Good buying brought a bright start to the new account. The *FT* Index closed 9.9 better, at 375.5
Financial Editor: Commercial Union's American burden; House of Fraser is down after nine months; AB Foods forecasts more growth
Business features: Eric Wigham on learning to make the most of the new legislation providing for the disclosure of company information to employees; John Earle explains why the Italian communists wish their country's stock exchanges well
Business Diary: The Israel reserve general who chairs a conglomerate owned by his country's TUC

Home News	2, 4, 5	Business	18-23	Law Report	6
European News	6	Court	17	Letters	15
Overseas News	6, 7, 9	Crossword	28	Obituary	17
Appointments	17	Diary	14	Sale Room	17
Arts	10	Engagements	17	Science	17
Bridge	17	Features	11, 14	Sport	12, 13
TV & Radio	27				
Theatres, etc	10				
25 Years Ago	6				
Universities	17				
Weather	2				
Wills	17				

Detention orders served on 42 at Southampton

From Robert Parker
Southampton

Detention orders were served last night on the 42 people held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act after the discovery on Saturday of 400lb of explosives in a block of council flats near Southampton docks.

The Home Office confirmed the serving of the orders after a day of intense activity during which the Cunard liner QE2 was subjected to a rigorous search at her berth, and the city's housing committee announced that it was seeking police advice on security at all 19 of its tower blocks of flats.

Two Southampton MPs appealed to the public not to become drawn into a backlash against the Irish community in the area.

About a hundred police officers, soldiers and customs officers are involved in the search of the QE2, which began on Saturday morning about two and a half hours after the discovery of 400lb of explosives in Albion Towers.

Six dogs trained to sniff out explosives are being used, and yesterday the Army brought on board detection equipment that is understood to involve the pumping of gas into cavities.

Hampshire police, who are being assisted by the bomb squad from Scotland Yard, are giving no details of the search, but it is understood that they are looking for traces of the explosives found in Albion Towers and for evidence of

Continued on page 2, col 5

Yard inquiry into Hain case

An investigation by a senior Scotland Yard officer into the case of Peter Hain, who is charged with stealing £490 from a bank, was ordered after the Director of Public Prosecutions took over the case last week, the police stated last night. Mr Hain, president of the Young Liberals, is due to appear in court next week, charged with the robbery.

A detective chief superintendent from Scotland Yard's Central department has been investigating newspaper articles published while the case was sub judice, the police added.

Michael Ayrton dies

Mr Michael Ayrton, aged 54, the painter, sculptor and author, died at his London flat yesterday. Son of the late Mr Gerald Gould, the poet and critic, and the late Mrs Barbara Ayrton Gould, a former Labour MP, he was also an illustrator and theatre designer and was the youngest member of the BBC's radio Brains Trust in the 1940s. He leaves a widow and three step-daughters.

Franco progress

Madrid, Nov 17.—General Franco remained in a "very serious" condition here today although there were signs of a slight improvement. A bulletin said the peritoneal inflammation "is gradually receding" and his lung trouble "is stabilized".



Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and

Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls.

GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

HOME NEWS

Tories plan to rally education authorities' fight against enforced all-in schooling

By a Staff Reporter

The Conservative Party will try to rally opposition by education authorities throughout the country if the Government goes ahead in the new parliamentary session with legislation to abolish the 11-plus examination and enforce nationwide comprehensive education.

There have been strong indications that the Queen's Speech on Wednesday will include proposals to ensure that the reorganization of secondary education is nationwide.

Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Opposition spokesman on education, said yesterday that such legislation would raise constitutional as well as educational issues. It would drive the Opposition back into the old battleground of reorganization, whereas the real need was to raise standards of learning and discipline in existing schools.

"If it is true that this is what the Government intends, it represents a major shift in power away from local education authorities to the Department of Education and Science and the minister."

Most local authorities have either introduced a comprehensive system or indicated a willingness to do so when resources permit, but seven have resisted all pressures and refused to draw up comprehensive schemes. More than a third, however, have signified no date when reorganization can be completed.

Mr St John-Stevas said it was an important issue for all education authorities. "We shall try to rally them throughout the country to resist this as an attack on their autonomy as well as on the educational system.

"Even if it gets on to the statute book by the end of this session, the authorities will clearly need a few years to prepare their plans and be in a position to implement them, and by that time there will have been another election.

"We are not against comprehensives as such, but against their being imposed everywhere without regard to financial resources, local conditions and parental wishes.

"The people who are going to suffer are the children. If you try to force authorities to do what they do not want to do at a time of grave shorage of funds, you are just going to get confusion."

Mr Rhodes Boyson, Conservative MP for Brent, North and a vice-chairman of the Conservative parliamentary education committee, said in Wembley last night that compulsory nationwide comprehensive education would be another step in the advance of the totalitarian society. All evidence from big cities showed that after comprehensive reorganization, academic standards declined and there was less working class social mobility.

Mr E. W. Maynard Potts, president of the National Education Association, which was set up in 1964 in defence of grammar schools, said yesterday that the "sullen resentment" and loss of interest by parents whose wishes had been overruled was a serious handicap for the education system.

He had found such resentment and sense of loss not only among grammar school parents, but also over the loss of technical schools and of well run secondary modern schools.

The possibilities for the more gifted pupils in science, technology and languages were restricted in many comprehensives, and that was leading ultimately to deficiencies of manpower and knowledge in industry.

The kudos in most comprehensives still attached to the cleverest pupils. Average and below average pupils were forced into the "daily humiliation" of comparison with them.

The National Union of Teachers said yesterday that it would welcome such legislation as something it had been seeking for many years. "It is needed to persuade the laggards who are dragging their feet, and to avoid gross inequalities of educational provision between areas", a spokesman said.

Sutton Borough Council, one of the seven authorities resisting comprehensive reorganization, may take the issue to the International Court of Justice at The Hague, one of its members said yesterday.

Councillor Edwin Trevor, who helped to organize petitions to save the borough's four grammar schools, said the threat to compel authorities to change to comprehensives was a contravention of human rights.



Members of the Workers' Revolutionary Party, including Miss Vanessa Redgrave (second from right), marching in London yesterday in protest against a police raid in September on the party's education centre

Mr du Cann may face '1922' challenge

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Mr Edward du Cann, a former minister and chairman of the Conservative Party, is likely to be challenged for the chairmanship of the Conservative backbenchers' 1922 Committee when the election of officers takes place in two weeks' time.

Although Mr du Cann exercised a strong influence in favour of Mrs Thatcher in the contest for the leadership of the party in March, and was offered a job in the Shadow Cabinet by her, his popularity in the party suffered a setback in the last stage of the EEC referendum campaign.

In a speech at Taunton, his constituency, two days before the voting he offended many Conservatives by seeming to go against Mrs Thatcher's commitment of the party to a "Yes" vote, saying that, but for the customary loyalty to the leadership, as many Conservative Party members would have been publicly seen to be against EEC membership as were in favour.

Perhaps there might even be a majority for withdrawal, he said, because membership of the EEC was "bound to offend against much of our history, and the consequent attitude of the Conservative Party". He put loyalty to his country higher than party loyalty.

After the referendum he found it necessary to explain his position to the committee. He said that his view about the United Kingdom's signing of the Treaty of Rome was as consistent and undisguised, if muted as the views of those who were pro-EEC.

But with the advantage of hindsight he thought his speech was perhaps to be regretted. The difficulty had been that it was interpreted as coming from him as chairman of the 1922 Committee rather than an individual MP.

There were few open comments on his statement, but it was obvious afterwards that many Conservative backbenchers resented the fact that he had suggested that the party was equally divided on the EEC issue.

In the coming parliamentary session the 1922 Committee will be establishing much closer contacts with the EEC.

Mr du Cann, who will be seeking reelection to the chairmanship, which he has held since 1972, is aware of criticism. Mr Francis Pym, MP for Cambridgeshire, a former chief whip and later Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, has been approached by several colleagues and has said yesterday that he had not yet made up his mind.

Ulster death toll tops last year's total

From Stewart Tendler
Belfast

Three deaths at the weekend took this year's toll so far in Northern Ireland above that for the whole of last year. They show that despite the Provisional IRA ceasefire during most of this year violence continues.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary says 217 people have died compared with 216 in 1974. The ceasefire has reduced casualties to security forces, but sectarian assassinations and fighting within communities have increased civilian casualties.

Last year there were 166 civilian deaths. This year 196 have died, 135 of them at the hands of sectarian assassins or gunmen from rival groups.

Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and his security advisers, when they meet shortly for their weekly security analysis, can take some comfort from a total of deaths this year of nine police officers, eight soldiers and four Ulster [illegible] men, against annual rise in deaths from the troubles. The figures have been falling since 1972, when 467 people died.

The figures will strengthen the "loyalist" cause for tougher security measures, but on Saturday Mr Rees rejected a suggestion in the constitutional Convention's report that control of the security forces should return to a local administration.

Six men saved from trawler

A Belgian trawler with six crew members was turned on to its side about 20 miles off Flamborough Head, Humberside, during fierce gales in the North Sea yesterday.

Four were rescued by helicopters from RAF Leconfield and taken to Hull Royal Infirmary suffering from cold. Three were taken from a life raft, and one from the hull of the vessel, the Damar. The other two were picked up by a Belgian fishing vessel.

Motor cycles burnt

Vandals set fire to six new Spanish Derbi machines in their packing cases in the yard of Nettleton Motorcycles, in London Road, Gloucester, yesterday, causing damage estimated at £4,000.

A telephone call ends the 10-day kidnap hunt kept secret by the press

By Clive Borrell

The 10-day kidnap drama of Miss Alio Kaloghirou, which newspapers, television and radio kept secret at the request of the police, ended with a telephone call from the victim late on Saturday night saying: "I'm safe."

Miss Kaloghirou, aged 18, a Greek-Cypriot student, was freed in torrential rain after a ransom of £17,000 in a paper package had been left at a prearranged spot.

At 1.20 am yesterday reporters who had been pledged to secrecy were told that the news blackout had been lifted and they were free to report the kidnapping. "There is no doubt that your cooperation helped to get this girl back alive", Mr John Wilson, Assistant Commissioner (Crime) at Scotland Yard, told reporters.

After having a medical examination, Miss Kaloghirou was driven to her married sister's home in Outram Road, Wood Green, north London, from where she had been abducted by two men wearing stocking masks in the early evening of November 6.

Her brother-in-law, Mr Loucas Neocleous, aged 26, an accountant, who conducted the negotiations with the kidnappers, said to reporters after Miss Kaloghirou had a sound night's sleep: "She is perfect, absolutely perfect. In fact, she has been laughing.

"I am very pleased you kept it secret; you saved her life. She seems to have been treated well."

The happy outcome to what police considered a highly dangerous situation ended just the way Mr Wilson and his deputy, Mr Ernest Bond, had planned it should.

By 7 pm on November 6 they faced a double dilemma. Was it a genuine kidnap case or a hoax? Or could it be a prank being played by the missing girl, who was known to be studying hard?

The ransom note left on a table demanding £60,000 appeared real enough. It was decided after a brief conference to treat the case as a serious kidnapping.

Should the press, radio and television be told? Police could not guarantee that the news would not leak out within a few hours. The note said that if the police were informed the girl would be killed. If the kidnappers read or heard of the abduction they would know that the family's insistence that the police had not been contacted was untrue.

Sir Robert Mark, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, gambled and waited 24 hours before he got in touch with all editors asking for a complete news blackout.

Had he left his request longer there is no doubt that the news of the kidnapping would have been made public.

Messages were dispatched by hand to all editors, saying: "In the interests of the inquiry, and particularly the safety of the person kidnapped, the commissioner asks that at this stage editors refrain from publishing or acting upon any information about a kidnapping that may come to their notice."

The Confidential Memorandum was heeded and no newspaper published a word.

Throughout the weekend of November 8 and 9 no further contact was made by the kidnappers, but the news "blanket" remained. By Monday morning the news media were becoming restless and began to wonder how long they should abide by what, after all, was only a friendly request to ignore an important event which normally would have received banner headlines.

At that point a decision was made to take the media into the confidence of the police. Twenty reporters, representing newspapers, radio and television, were invited to a secret briefing at the Yard to be told the latest developments.

From then on each morning before 11 o'clock we formed a "crocodile" in the front entrance of the Yard office block in Broadway, Victoria, for a daily run-down on what had happened during the previous 24 hours. Each time it was pointed out that the police still did not know whether the girl was alive, and any publicity could mean the kidnappers would kill her.

During the daily briefings it was disclosed what further action had been taken. The police had discreetly installed themselves in the house and had linked the telephone with a tape-recorder.

Detectives in disguise, some sweeping up leaves, some driving lorries, some just sauntering past the house, were out in force. In fact, Mr Wilson said, there were more than a hundred of them "active" in the area.

It had been noticed that some of the kidnappers had also been keeping the house under surveillance, although they did not realize that they were themselves being watched by the police.

"They still think that we are not involved, thanks to your cooperation. We are watching a number of houses but we dare not raid them yet in case we have the wrong places under observation.

"The family are negotiating with the kidnappers, and we are prompting them on what to say. We do not know if the girl is alive or dead but we have told the family that they should pay over the ransom money when it is demanded."

Those were some of the remarks made by Mr Wilson and Mr Bond during the long hours when both police and reporters waited to "pounce".

As the days dragged on the press were told that the kidnappers were getting "edgy". Because of the delicacy of the operation, the media were asked to keep well away from the area in case the kidnappers mistook press activity for police surveillance.

The week which the kidnappers allowed the family to raise the money came and went. But by that time the kidnappers had realized that the father, Mr Adam Kaloghirou, aged 61, a textile merchant in Larnaca, Cyprus, had flown to London with his wife at the weekend to attempt to raise the ransom money.

The Greek-Cypriot community in London was asked to help to get the £60,000 together without being given any true reason for the sudden need for it. The polytechnic where the kidnapped girl was studying was told she was absent because she had made a sudden trip to Manchester.

On Friday evening three calls were made to the family's home and in each one the kidnappers outlined their plans for exchanging Miss Kaloghirou for the ransom. On Saturday, when they telephoned again they were told by her brother-in-law that £17,000 was the most that could be raised. That amount was accepted and instructions were given that Mr Neocleous should drive to a spot in the road near Bounds Green railway station and leave the money.

Just after midnight on Saturday Miss Kaloghirou was driven by her kidnappers to an alleyway close to the same station and dumped there.

Leading article, page 17

'How to save Britain from decline'

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

Mr Heath, the former Prime Minister, made it plain in interviews on Saturday that he has ruled out any prospect of joining Mrs Thatcher's Shadow Cabinet, or of taking a senior post with the European Commission.

He indicated in television interviews on BBC 2 and in the Michael Parkinson show, that he wants to remain an MP and take an active part in politics.

Conservatives who know the tense relations between Mr Heath and Mrs Thatcher are not surprised by the former leader's intention. Many will interpret it as a sign that he wants to play the role of elder statesman, waiting in the wings in case he should be called on again for the leadership, or as a member of a national government. Those closest to him say that he has accepted the decision of the Tory MPs, and resigned himself to a climate of opinion in the party which rules out his recall in the foreseeable future.

In a speech to Young Conservatives in Folkestone yesterday Mr Heath called for a constructive national debate on what was needed to be done to save Britain from decline.

"For my part", he said, "I intend now, in a succession of both speeches and articles, to discuss a wider range of fundamental questions which cover different aspects of our national life and which enter directly into people's everyday lives.

"In this way, I can put to constructive use the freedom I at present enjoy for the benefit, I hope, of my party and my country. This is what I sought to do during the referendum campaign earlier in the year."

Some of the subjects he would discuss were:
Does Parliament any longer reflect the balance of power and of the interests in the country at large?
How can Parliament carry out its responsibilities and perform its functions more effectively?
Which is the best way of meeting the national aspirations of the member nations of the British Isles while still preserving the strength and integrity of the United Kingdom?
How can we channel the great potential of industrial power into the democratic system in order to make it responsive and responsible to the majority of our people?
Are we really to do no more than shrug our shoulders and accept the state of our industrial relations?

When asked in the BBC 2 television interview on Saturday whether he thought the time might come when he might be recalled to leadership, Mr Heath said: "Oh, I don't discuss that. I'm just getting on with the job which I think I can best do at the moment. It is what I have done through 25 years of public life and I think it is the right approach."

Mr Heath was asked whether he would be interested in big jobs in the nationalized industries, or in Europe. He was certainly not interested in becoming a chairman of a nationalized industry; as for Europe: "We have two excellent commissioners in Christopher Soames and George Thomson and I hope that one of them will become president of the commission in 1977 when that's due, and I have no interest in going to the commission and in taking a post there."

He thought Mr Callaghan, the Foreign Secretary, was wrong in demanding a separate seat at the world energy conference: "It shows, I'm afraid, that he still does not understand the workings of the Community."

Commenting on the interviews, Mr Michael Brotherton, Conservative MP for Louth, said: "I would draw Mr Heath's attention to the remarkable, loyal conduct of Sir Alec Douglas-Home (now Lord Home of the Hirsel) when Mr Heath took over the leadership of the Tory Party in 1965. If Mr Heath were to give one-tenth of the loyalty and support to Mrs Thatcher that Sir Alec gave to him, then he could begin to think of himself as a truly honourable man."

Government to flow of Bills

By Our Political Correspondent

If the Government were to introduce all the Bills which ministers have indicated are ready for inclusion in the programme for the next session of Parliament, to be opened by the Queen on Wednesday, MPs would be in for a hectic time.

But the Government has given an important undertaking to the House of Lords which will have the welcome effect of cutting down the flow of legislation, so that some of the Bills may have to be held over. The undertaking is that no new legislation will be introduced, either in the Commons or the Lords, after Easter.

The promise was given after the Lords had complained about being recalled in September to deal with the backlog of Bills which had been rushed from the Commons in August.

As stated in *The Times* on November 10, the main items of legislation will deal with devolution to the new assemblies in Scotland and Wales, secondary education, the development land tax, official secrets, authors' lending rights, race relations, tied cottages, giro banking, dock labour, complaints against the police and bail procedures.

Other Government Bills are being prepared for a redefinition of nationality and citizenship; consumer protection, and prevention of terrorism.

Rejection of Mr Prentice a terrible scandal'

By Our Political Correspondent

The decision of the organization committee of the Labour Party national executive to reject Mr Reg Prentice's appeal against the action of his constituency party in Newham, North-East, in disowning him was "a terrible scandal", Mr Roger Fox, chairman of the Social Democratic Alliance, said.

That organization was criticized at the Labour Party conference for adopting what were called "McCarthyist tactics" when calling attention to members of the national executive who were "prepared to give aid and comfort" to the Communist Party.

Mr Fox said that since the SDA was formed in June the situation facing "moderates" in the Labour Party had worsened. "If the national executive allows Cabinet ministers who uphold Labour policy to be chopped for political reasons, it can only mean that moderates in the party cannot count on the support of the party NEC in similar situations."

The decision of the organization committee to take no action on a report on Trotskyist activities in the Labour Party Young Socialists was even more serious, because "infiltration" was spilling over into the main party, which was in danger of becoming "a battleground for warring Trotskyist factions".

"To allow people who have no allegiance to the Labour Party, who only seek to take over the party for their own doctrinal ends, is the grossest irresponsibility. The four NEC members present at the committee meeting should be ashamed of themselves".

Mr Prentice said yesterday that he hopes to address the national executive when it considers the organization committee's report on his dispute.

He said "My friends are disturbed by the narrow view being taken by the NEC committee".

'Safety mark' f gas appliances

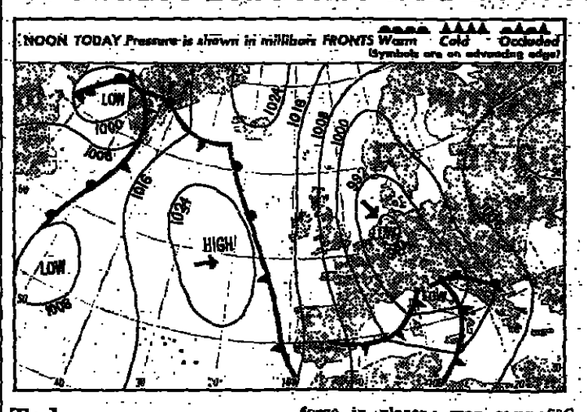
A British Standards Inst tion certificate covering don tic gas appliances is to introduced next week. It wil the first to use the new "Safety Mark".

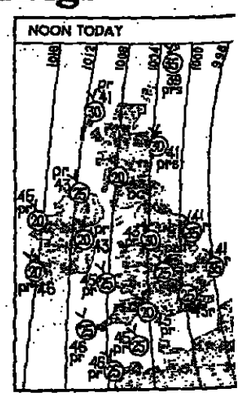
Within a year the sa standard will be extended f domestic cooking appliance cover central heating boi and circulators, drying cabi fanned circulation, ducted heaters, gas fires, gas-f refrigerators and freezers, storage water heaters.

Labour choice

Miss Jane Chapman, age a London schoolteacher, been selected as prospe parliamentary Labour cand for Dover and Deal. At the election Mr Peter Rees held seat for the Conservatives

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 7.21 am. Sun sets: 4.10 pm.
Moon sets: 5.43 am. Moon rises: 3.22 pm.
Full Moon: Tomorrow.
Lighting up: 4.40 pm to 6.53 am.
High water: London Bridge, 12.37 am, 6.9m (22.7ft); 12.51 pm, 6.9m (22.5ft). Avonmouth, 6.0 am, 12.0m (39.5ft); 6.21 pm, 12.3m (40.2ft). Dover, 10.0 am, 6.2m (20.4ft); 10.24 pm, 6.2m (20.5ft). Hull, 4.41 am, 6.8m (22.2ft); 5.11 pm, 7.0m (22.9ft). Liverpool, 10.9 am, 8.6m (28.2ft); 10.21 pm, 8.7m (28.5ft).

Minor troughs of low pressure in a N airstream will move S over the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE England, East Anglia: Mostly cloudy with rain at times; wind N, fresh, gale force in places; max temp 6°C (43°F).
Central S England, Midlands: Sunny spells but showers in places; wind N, fresh; max temp 5°C (41°F).
E England: Mostly cloudy with outbreaks of rain; wind N, strong, with severe gale at first near coast; max temp 5°C (41°F).
Channel Islands: Showery with sunny intervals; wind N, strong to gale; max temp 7°C (45°F).
SW, NW, central N England, S Wales: Showers and sunny intervals, sleet or snow at times on high ground; wind N, strong to gale; max temp 6°C (43°F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Cold with wintry showers in many places at first but becoming milder in W with more general rain later; night frost in places at first.
Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind N, strong to gale; sea very rough.
English Channel (E): Wind N, strong, perhaps gale force; sea rough.
St George's Channel, Irish: Wind N, strong to gale; rough.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sl, sleet.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Aberdeen	r	17	63	Cologne	r	8	46	L. Palmas	f	25	77	Naples	c	16	61
Algiers	c	22	72	Copenhgn	s	6	43	Lisbon	f	20	68	Nice	f	14	57
Amsterdm	c	12	54	Dublin	c	6	43	Locarno	r	9	48	Oslo	sl	1	34
Athens	c	15	59	Edinburgh	r	5	41	London	r	9	48	Paris	r	17	63
Barcelona	c	20	68	Florence	r	8	46	Luxemburg	c	10	50	Reykjavik	s	-3	27
Belfast	r	9	48	Funchal	s	25	77	Madrid	c	17	63	Rome	s	19	66
Berlin	s	5	41	Geneva	r	13	54	Majorca	c	20	68	Rotterdm	c	7	45
Bermuda	r	25	77	Gibraltar	s	22	72	Malaga	f	20	68	Stockholm	c	6	43
Biarritz	c	15	59	Guernsey	r	7	45	Malta	f	19	66	Tel Aviv	s	21	70
Bristol	c	9	48	Helsinki	c	6	43	Manchstr	r	6	43	Venice	r	9	48
Brussels	r	12	54	Innsbruck	c	0	32	Miami	c	23	73	Vienna	c	2	36
Budapest	c	6	43	Istanbul	r	10	50	Montreal	c	-2	28	Warsaw	c	0	32
Chicago	s	16	61	Jersey	r	9	48	Munich	r	4	39	Zurich	c	1	34

Saturday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 14°C (57°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6°C (43°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 93 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.05in. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 1005.9 millibars, falling.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9°C (48°F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9°C (48°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 86 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.65in. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar: mean sea level, 6 pm, 993.1 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Overseas selling prices
Austria, Sch 15; Belgium, BFr 1; Canaries, Pes 10; Denmark, DKr 1.50; Cyprus, Pnd 0.50; France, Fr 1; Germany, Dmk 2.00; Greece, Dr 15; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 450; Luxembourg, Lf 20; Madeira, Esc 17.50; Malta, 9p; Norway, Kr 4.00; Portugal, Esc 20; Spain, Pes 35; Sweden, Skr 3.75; Switzerland, Sfr 1.50; USA and Canada, $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 30.

Published daily except Sundays, January 1, Decembers 25 and 26, and Good Friday by Times Newspapers Limited, London, WC1X 8EZ. Second Class Postage paid at New York, NY. Subscription rates for one year by air freight or sea mail to the United States, New York, NY, 10017. Rate for Telephone: 556 8326.
Inland and Air Edition subscription rates on application.

Unemployment benefit up by 13% today

By Diana Geddes

Unemployment and supplementary benefits for Britain's 1,114,000 unemployed go up by an average of 13 per cent today, the second increase this year.

The Government estimates that the total cost of benefits for the unemployed for the year ending April, 1976, will be nearly £1,000m.

The basic unemployment benefit for a single person is now £11.10, up from £9.80, with an additional £6.90 for a spouse, £3.50 for the first child, and £2 for each additional child. Earnings-related benefit, which starts at a rate of 1p a week for previous average annual earnings of £501, now go up to a maximum of £9.30 for earnings of £2,400 or more.

Earnings-related benefit stops after six months and all unemployment benefits stop after one year. But unemployed people with low incomes or no income are eligible for supplementary benefit. This is now payable at a maximum rate of £10.90 plus rent for a single person, £17.75 plus rent for a married couple, with additional amounts for each child, which vary according to the child's age.

Where the unemployment benefit is lower than the amount which could be received in supplementary benefit, it will be brought up to the higher level.

An unemployed man with a wife and two children, who had previously been earning £40 a week, will now be able to get £31.67 in unemployment and earnings-related benefit.

'When you may have 50 or more fighting over the same job one man's unemployment is another man's employment'

Does this level of benefit mean that more and more people are staying at home, remaining voluntarily unemployed, because they do not consider it worth their while to look for a job?

In order to get unemployment benefit a man must register at one of the 950 employment offices in the country, run by the Employment Services Agency. If he refuses a suitable job that is offered to him he may be reported to the unemployment benefit office, and his benefit may be stopped.

But, if he has no other source of income or only very little, he will be able to receive supplementary benefit, which, together with the amount to cover the rent, is often as high as, if not higher than, the unemployment benefit. A nominal £2 or so a week may be taken off if he has been classed as RSE (refused suitable employment), but he is not likely to be much worse off.

It is up to the individual advisers at the unemployment offices to decide what a "suitable" job is for a particular unemployed person. His average previous earnings will be taken into account, as will his skills

Mr Clifford Senior, director of the Employment Services Agency, says that many people think the agency's first duty should be to the benefits fund. "They feel that we should therefore push people into jobs, especially those not keen to work. But we reply that if we pushed reluctant, and therefore unsuitable, people into jobs, employers would lose faith in us."

Are the scroungers having an easier time now? "Yes, of course they are", Mr Senior replies. "But others who need and want work are getting the job the so-called scrounger refuses. In the present situation, when you may have 50 or more people fighting over the same job, one man's unemployment is another man's employment".

There were 1,042,900 unemployed (seasonally adjusted) in Britain last month and 139,400 registered job vacancies, a fall of 11,400 from the previous month. This means that overall, there are now nine unemployed for every registered vacancy, though the ratio is much higher for certain types of unemployed, the unskilled and semi-skilled.

Contrary to a common misconception, the unemployed are not a static group of people. At present about 400,000 are coming on to the register each month and 350,000 are leaving.

A national survey in 1973 by Mr W. Daniel for the Political and Economic Planning (PEP) found that benefits did not make the unemployed any less eager to find a job.

PARIS 27p.

The charge shown is for a 60 second call.



INTERNATIONAL DIRECT DIALLING. THE WORLD AT YOUR FINGER TIPS.
See your Dialling Code booklet for more details.
The charge shown is exclusive of VAT and does not apply to a coinbox call.

هكذا من الاصل

We hate to see people wasting their money paying rent.

Our aim is to prevent this happening to as many people as possible.

And we are making progress.

To give you some idea, in 1914, the year the First World War started, only 10% of the homes in this country were owned by the people living in them.

Today the figure is 53% owner occupation.

And this year, 4 out of 5 of the home loans granted have come from building societies.

But there's still plenty of room for improvement.

We've got a way to go before we catch up some other countries we could mention. The USA, for example, with 65% of its homes occupied by owners. And Canada and Australia with 67%.

However, we all know that old habits die hard in this country and a significant proportion of the population still expect to rent their homes.

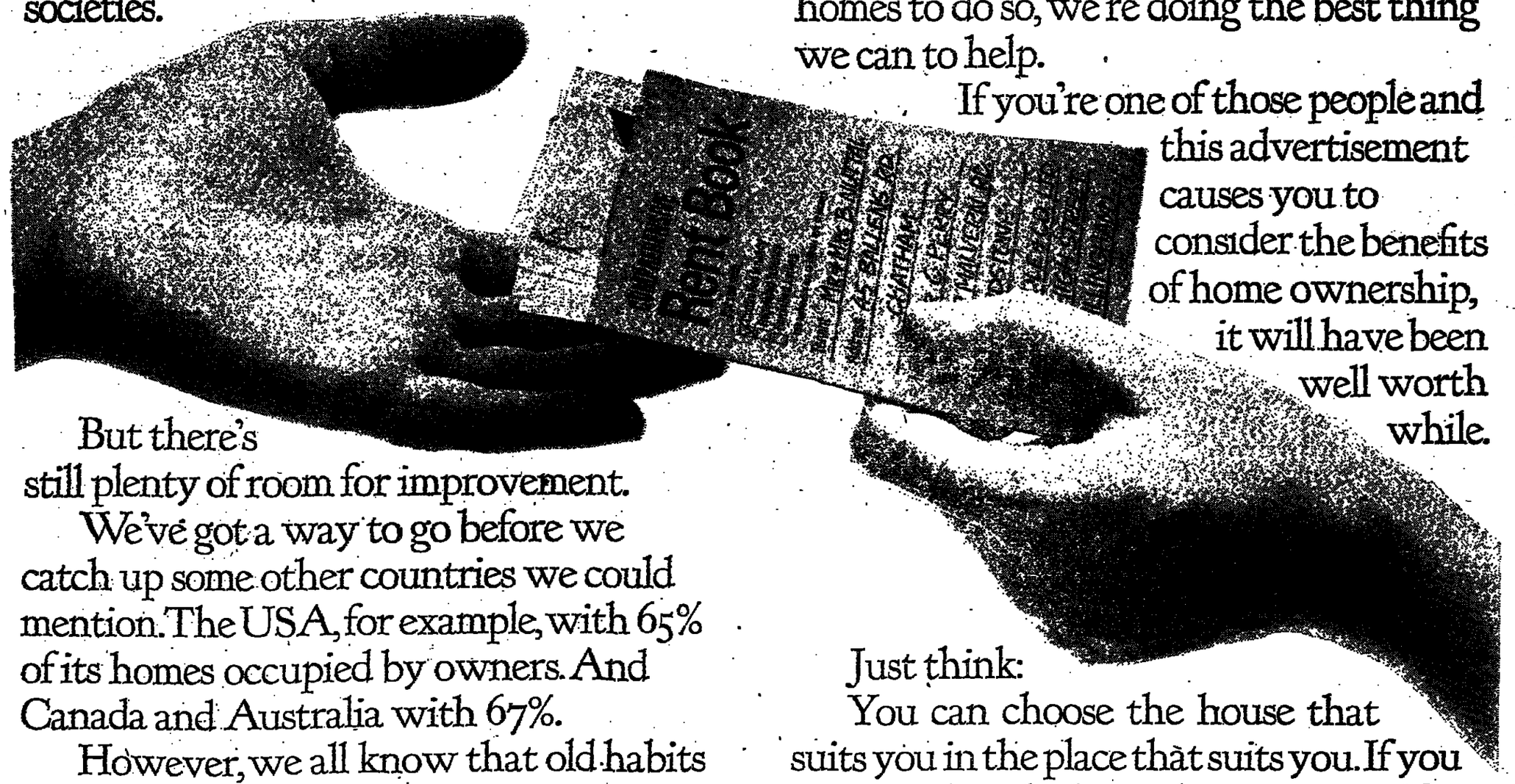
And it must be admitted, there are many families who don't earn enough to pay an economic rent–let alone carry a home loan. They need all the help they can get. And there isn't enough rented housing to take care of them in many parts of the country.

But there are more than a few people who live in rented houses and flats as a matter of course.

Originally, no doubt, they were in a position where it was the best option.

But now their situation has improved. Their income is higher or their outgoings are lower. But they haven't really focussed on the fact.

We feel that by encouraging those people who can afford to buy their own homes to do so, we're doing the best thing we can to help.



If you're one of those people and this advertisement causes you to consider the benefits of home ownership, it will have been well worth while.

Just think:

You can choose the house that suits you in the place that suits you. If you want to alter the house later, you can. If you want to move somewhere else, you can.

And you could free a home for somebody who needs it badly.

Talk to a building society and open a savings account. It's the first step towards becoming a man (or woman) of property.

The Building Societies.

The Building Societies Association, 14 Park Street, London W1Y 4AL.

Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and

Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls,

GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

HOME NEWS

Each side reads favourable result from devolution poll in Scotland and Wales

By Ronald Faux
and Trevor Fishlock

Political parties in Scotland and Wales were trying yesterday to read comfort into the latest Marplan opinion poll on devolution. The Scottish result, as reported in *The Times* yesterday, showed a broad three-way split, with 60 per cent in favour of an assembly for Scotland in some form or another with the rest split equally between complete independence and complete rejection of any devolution proposal.

The Welsh poll showed that the people of Wales were about equally divided on whether they wanted any change.

The Scottish National Party said the poll showed clearly that 80 per cent of Scots were not satisfied, and at 20 per cent the number who wanted separation was higher than previous polls had suggested. It showed that 72 per cent of Scots believed the Government's proposals should be put to the British people in a referendum, and both the SNP and the Scottish Conservative Party viewed that suggestion cautiously.

They agreed that as the principle of setting up an assembly was the policy of all parties, it was the economic power and the authority of the Scottish assembly that would divide people and parties.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, MP, Opposition frontbench spokesman on Scottish affairs and chairman of the Scottish Conservative Devolution Committee, said: "If there was a referendum it would have to be carried out separately in Scotland, Wales and England, but the most important point about the poll is that it shows 80 per cent of Scots are against the whole raison d'être of the SNP. The vast majority also rejected the "slippery slope" argument that by setting up an assembly you are conceding the case for independence. The large majority of Scots want to remain British."

A second poll released yesterday by System Three of Dundee put the present position for political parties in Scotland as: Labour 39 per cent; Conservatives, 30 per cent; SNP 26 per cent.

The poll was taken between October 28 and November 5 and gives a 4 per cent increase on the previous month to Labour, a 4 per cent drop to the Tories and a 1 per cent drop to the SNP. The proportion of SNP voters aged between 18 and 34 years was slightly down at 41 per cent. In that section Labour scored 39 per cent, Conservatives 17 per cent, and Liberals 2 per cent.

The results were encouraging for the Labour Party at a time when SNP pressure upon their west of Scotland strongholds is building up.

In Wales opponents and supporters of devolution drew encouragement from the poll.

The anti-devolutionists, particularly the Conservatives, were disappointed that the poll did not show a much larger body of Welsh opinion against devolution. They feel that the groundswell against a Welsh assembly is stronger than the poll showed.

The pro-devolution movement in Wales, which includes a large part of the Welsh Labour Party (an elected assembly is official Labour policy), Plaid Cymru, and the Liberals, as well as the Welsh TUC, does not regard the poll result as a setback.

The pro-devolutionists think it natural that at this time half the people should say there should be no change. They say that in two years there has been the unsettling effects of two general elections and the EEC referendum.

Swiss bank inquiry to discover Lucan cash

Swiss bankers are being asked to give details of an account opened by Lord Lucan before his disappearance on November 7 last year, it was disclosed yesterday. Other deposits totalling nearly £9,000 have been traced to Rhodesia but are being blocked by the country's currency laws, Mr Dennis Gilson, a chartered accountant, said.

Details of Lord Lucan's finances will be given to Mr Derek Thorne, an official receiver, at a public examination on Thursday.

Mr Gilson, acting for several of Lord Lucan's creditors, said accountants had discovered in a bank vault in London silverware that could be used to meet debts at £35,000. Mr Gilson said: "There has been no co-operation from the Swiss. They have not said they will not give us information, but they want to go through certain of their own formalities.

"If there are no further claims, the existing assets, if realized, could substantially pay off the known creditors, but it is a bit early to say what the final figures will be. There are family settlements, and one has to consider the wife and the children, who are wards of court."

Lord Lucan is wanted by the police in connexion with the murder of Mrs Sandra Rivett, his children's nursemaid.

Judge and jury visit club

Judge Macnair, the jury, court officials and the defendant in a deception trial at Knightsbridge Crown Court, spent 20 minutes on an inspection at the Playboy Club in Park Lane, Mayfair, yesterday before it opened to members.

The party of 22 later returned in a prison van to resume the case in which Andrea Rispoli, aged 36, a painter and decorator, of Sutherland Street, Westminster, denies attempting to obtain £400 by deception.

The hearing continues today.



"Old lady asleep", one of the entries in the Polyfilla schools art competition, awards for which will be presented in London on December 3.

Information centre for community groups

By Diana Geddes

An area resource centre, providing practical services and information to local community groups, was officially opened in Manchester yesterday. It comes after recommendations for a national network of such centres in a Gulbenkian Foundation report, published in 1973.

The Manchester Area Resource Centre is being run experimentally by the Young Volunteer Force Foundation for three years with a Home Office grant of £25,000 a year. A second centre is to be opened in the Tyne-Wear area early next year.

The Manchester centre at 1 Piccadilly has been operating on a limited basis for three months. Forty of the estimated 150 voluntary groups in the Greater Manchester area have already made use of its services, most of which are free. They include a library of information with press cuttings, Acts of Parliament and useful addresses, photocopying, duplicating machines and other equipment, as well as advice.

Homeless group's advice on way to stop squatting

Groups concerned about the plight of Britain's homeless offer the Department of the Environment advice about how to stop squatting in a report published today.

"The way to prevent squatting is for the department to concentrate on preventing houses from lying empty", the report by the Campaign for Single Homeless People says.

"Requisition powers, together with tough penal rating on properties left empty for more than six months, would have a valuable preventive effect and would enable housing departments to bring many empty houses into occupation until the landlord shows he has a use for the property."

The group also criticizes short-term letting schemes and suggests that local authorities should be encouraged to use the powers given them by the 1957 Housing Act to review housing conditions in their districts with a view to providing more housing.

Crop yields expected to be down on last year

By Hugh Clayton
Agricultural Correspondent

The latest government estimates of cereal yields in England and Wales are markedly lower than those issued a month ago. They are also well below last year's level and the average for the past three years.

Yields of many other crops also are expected to be reduced. Field officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food expect hay and potatoes to be slightly better than expected a month ago, but they predict fewer field beans. They expect the yield of fodder roots to be lower than a year ago.

Although the sugar content of the sugar beet crop appears to be slightly higher than last year the crop yield was again expected to be much below average, the ministry says.

The latest forecast for wheat is slightly below 34cwt an acre, compared with more than 34½cwt a month ago. Barley is now expected to yield just over 26¾cwt compared with 28cwt, and oats just over 27¾cwt compared with 29cwt.

Potatoes are expected to produce an average of just over nine tons an acre, compared with the bare nine tons predicted a month ago.

Ministry officials said in their final weekly crop report for this year that good progress was still being made in cultivation and that many farm animals were still being left in the fields saving winter feed.

Sowing has progressed this autumn in exceptionally good conditions, and most autumn sowing in England and Wales was completed last month.

Food losses: A third of the food grown in Britain was lost through pests and diseases in the field and during storage, Professor Leonard Broadbent, chairman of the British Crop Protection Council, said yesterday. He said on the eve of the eighth British Insecticide and Fungicide Conference that losses amounted to two thirds in less developed countries.

Prostitutes form group to seek new deal

By a Staff Reporter

A group aimed at "decriminalization" of prostitutes was launched in London yesterday. The group, Prostitutes United for Social and Sexual Integration (PUSSI), says the "semi-legality" of prostitution in Britain has led to harassment of prostitutes, lack of respect for them, and a bad deal for clients.

Launching a campaign to force all charges relating to prostitution to be dropped from the statute book, except where the exploitation of prostitutes is concerned, Miss Helen Buckingham, a London prostitute, said that corruption, blackmail and extortion thrived in an atmosphere of illegality.

PUSSI, she added, might lead to the formation of a national union of prostitutes. She hoped that a new and more dignified word would eventually replace the name of her business; she thought "honker" less objectionable but still not quite right.

Black Paper authors accused of distortion

By a Staff Reporter

The authors of the latest Black Paper on education, who call for a return to traditional teaching methods, have been accused by a senior officer at the National Foundation for Educational Research of distorted treatment of research findings to bolster their opinions.

Reviewing the Black Paper in *Educational Research*, Mr Bruce Choppin, a senior research officer, says it quoted the foundation's studies to show that progressive methods in general and comprehensive education in particular were failing. He adds:

Regrettably, the relevant research findings are not always fairly or accurately presented, and the conclusions drawn from them by the editors or contributors are frequently in contradiction with those to be found in the cited reports.

For example, Mr Choppin says, the foundation's study in 1972 on *The Trend of Reading Standards* did not indicate that literacy was declining, as the Black Paper alleged. Instead it showed a levelling out of the rate of increase in literacy, and even for that was criticized for giving the misleading impression that there was firm evidence to prove it.

He also criticizes an article in the Black Paper in which Mr Fred Naylor uses the foundation's report, *Achievement in Mathematics*, to show that comprehensive schools produced fewer mathematicians at A level than grammar or technical schools.

The argument is fallacious. It would be quite unreasonable to expect a recently designated comprehensive school, which was comprehensive only in the first two forms, to have any GCE A-level students at all. A number of the comprehensive schools in the study cited by Mr Naylor were in this or a similar position.

He concludes his review:

The earlier versions presented a strident argument against progressive education which was not to everyone's taste but which at least paid an honest regard to research findings both for and against their case. The contributors to the 1975 collection seem to feel that their commitment to selection justifies a much more "selective" use of sources.

The Black Paper was edited by Professor C. B. Cox of Manchester University, and Mr Rhodes Boyson, Conservative MP for Brent, North.

Hospital place keeps killer out of prison

From Our Correspondent
Bodmin

Staff at a psychiatric hospital at Bodmin, Cornwall, yesterday endorsed a decision that a man who killed his wife should be admitted and so saved from a life sentence.

Mr John Brazil, aged 41, from Gloucester, was convicted of the manslaughter of his wife, Margaret, aged 30, but at Bristol Crown Court last month Mr Justice Mais heard that staffs at two hospitals had refused to allow him to be admitted. He substituted the prison sentence for his original order that Mr Brazil should be detained in hospital for treatment for an unspecified time; he added, however, that if within 28 days another hospital would admit Mr Brazil he would reinstate the original order.

Dr Leonard Rowe, a consultant psychiatrist, who had examined Mr Brazil in prison, said he was quite happy that he would revert to what he was previously, a law-abiding citizen.

Judge breaks leg in garden pool

Lord Justice Cairns, aged 71, broke a leg when he slipped and fell into his garden pool at Applecraft, Ashtead, Surrey, on Saturday, it was disclosed yesterday.

Lady Cairns said he was expected to be in hospital for a fortnight and was unlikely to resume his legal duties this term. His place in the Court of Appeal yesterday was taken by Lord Justice Orr.

Sisters die from boiler fumes

Two elderly spinsters died from fumes from a boiler in the kitchen of their home and a third sister was seriously ill in hospital yesterday.

Police officers broke into the house, at Oak Tree Road, Tilehurst, Reading, to find Miss Margaret Tyler, aged 82, and Miss Irene Tyler, aged 79, both dead, and Mrs Katherine Paul, aged 77, unconscious.

Boys' murder alleged

Chung Yuk Ying-li, aged 4, of Mandarin House, Hermitage Lane, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, was remanded in custody by Mansfield magistrates yesterday, accused of murdering two boys, Yuen Young-liu and Mok Kit-chan, both aged two.

Five men charged with London kidnapping

Five men were charged last night and will appear at Tottenham Magistrates' Court, London, today, accused of the kidnapping in London of Alio Kaloghirou, aged 18. They are: Jack Jacobs, aged 48, a writer, and Nicholas John Trowell, aged 19, unemployed, both of Caversham Road, Leslie Joseph Foreman, aged 40, a second-hand dealer, of Kenbrooke House, Leighton Road, all Kentish Town, and two Greek Cypriots, Takis Cosma, aged 44, a shopkeeper, of Castle Road, Kentish Town, and Drinos Georgiou, aged 30, a hairdresser, of Mackeson Road, Hampstead.

Four new fish species found in the Thames

By a Staff Reporter

Four species of fish never previously recorded in the Thames have been identified in the past three months, the Thames Water Authority said yesterday. The species, rock goby, allis shad, black sea bream and sandsmelt, were found during inspections at the Central Electricity Generating Board station at West Thurrock, Essex.

That brings the total number of species recorded since 1964 to 87, including a hybrid.

Mr Peter Black, chairman of the authority, said: "We are very encouraged whenever we find new species."

Risk of shackling justice

Any case in which defence lawyers' fees are cut because the judge does not like the way they attack police witnesses will shackle the legal profession and justice, a legal journal said yesterday.

At the end of a bomb conspiracy trial last March Mr Justice Melford Stevenson said the costs allowable to a firm of solicitors against the legal aid fund should exclude costs of the part of the case that led to attacks on the credibility of prosecution witnesses. Consequently a third, about £2,000, of the solicitors' bill was disallowed.

The latest *Bulletin* of the Legal Action Group says that if that becomes a precedent defence solicitors will face a dilemma: do they prepare a proper and conscientious case for their clients, with the risk that their costs may be disallowed because the judge questions the merits of the defence case, or do they shirk their duty and prepare a modest case, with the risk that they are unable to test the prosecutor's evidence to the full or bring evidence in support of the defendant?

Five accused of kidnapping

Five people, all from Banbury, Oxfordshire, were remanded in custody by magistrates at Maidenhead, Berkshire, yesterday, until today week, charged with kidnapping Mr David Barter, a company director, of Ottershaw, Surrey, and robbing him on November 12 at Burcherts Green, near Maidenhead.

They are Anthony King, aged 30, of Dover Avenue; Charles Manttan, aged 29, of The Old Rectory, Hanwell; Sigrid Castle, aged 21, and Michael Andrews, aged 33, both of Braithwaite Close, and Jacqueline Douglas, 30, of Boxhedge Road West.

Handwriting check

Detectives seeking the killer of Lesley Whittle are confident that he can still be trapped through his handwriting. Yesterday they began checking almost 400,000 driving licence applications in Staffordshire.

We are very direct about Germany.

Bremen Hamburg Hannover

Köln Düsseldorf Frankfurt

Stuttgart München Nürnberg

17 flights a day to nine German cities.

The more you fly

Lufthansa
German Airlines

WELMAR

Every Welmar Piano looks as good as it sounds. Uprights and grands, hand-crafted from the finest raw materials. Uprights from £813

Write for catalogue

London Showroom:-
WHELPDALE MAXWELL & CO
47 Conduit Street, London W1
Tel: 01-734 7361

1965.
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF THE DINNER PARTY.

Croft Distinction.
Tawny Port aged ten years in the wood.

هكذا من الاصل

NEWS

...that construction and maintenance cuts mean wartime standard of roads

...ily ...respondent ...growing fears ... and highway ...Britain may be ... road system of ...rd or worse in ... result of govern... ...ction has already ... by about 40 per ... years and road ...y 15 to 20 per ...cuts are believed ... consideration to ...rising deficits on ...d buses.

...those measures ...ds of towns and ... were to have ... of heavy traffic ... six years seem ... it at a worsen... ...two the 1980s. ...ne road surfaces ... to deteriorate, ...re heavy lorries ...

...oric cities and ... the Department ...ment in 1971 as ...y for by-passes ...f can expect them ...

...election of places ...oles Shrewsbury, ...minster, Hereford, ...ideford, Bishop's ...caster, Malton, ...King's Langley, ...Swaffham, East ...lington, Chelms... ...Okehampton, ...resborough and ...

...f the shorter ...trunk road post... ...Berkhamsted and ...y by-pass. Con... ...expected to start ...ause the existing narrow road between Watford and Tring is close to saturation point and has a high accident record. A start has been put back to the 1980s.

A longer route suffering from recent cuts is the Birmingham to Nottingham motorway which in 1972 was selected for accelerated construction because of the high volume of heavy traffic on the existing unsatisfactory road through Bromsgrove, Solihull, Tamworth and Castle Donington, and its importance to the industrial midlands since Britain's entry into the EEC. As a result of successive delays to various sections of the road, 60 miles of it will not even have been started by next year, when the whole of it was scheduled for completion.

The overall effect of existing cuts is that neither the 3,500-mile trunk road network proposed by Mr Peter Walker in 1971 nor the 3,100-mile strategic network proposed by Mr Mulley last year for completion in the early 1980s is likely to be completed before the late 1980s and possibly 1990s, if at all.

The prime aim of Mr Walker's network was "to divert heavy goods vehicles and other long-distance traffic away from existing towns and villages, in particular historic towns, to give direct links to major ports, and to ensure that all towns of over 80,000 population will be within 10 miles of a trunk road". Mr Mulley's network was "aimed particularly at the needs of heavy lorries".

Among other trunk roads delayed are the outer ring motorways around London both on the north and south, London to Cambridge, Liverpool to the M6, the widening of the overloaded M1 near Watford, and the south Humberside motorway.

Announcing the maintenance cuts this July, Mr Gilbert, Minister for Transport, said the effects would be chiefly perceptible in reduced riding quality of roads, footway maintenance and overall appearance.

The County Surveyor of Lancashire commented: "We are in danger of causing long-term damage to the structure in order to produce short-term savings." The County Surveyor of Norfolk said: "Some roads may just begin to fall apart."

Road cuts have long been favoured by governments in search of economies, no doubt because they are relatively easy to make and the effect is not felt for some time, so the odium does not fall on the government making the cuts. There are no railway unions to object to road cuts; only the roads lobby, which these days is regarded almost universally as a wicked conspiracy.

Cheered on by the modish if sometimes misguided environment lobbies, a transport minister can actually win popularity while making economies through road cuts: an irresistible combination.

If as a result of present policies there was an actual shift of traffic from road to rail there might be some good in it but there is not. Roads retain 90 per cent or so of the traffic, and the rail subsidies are used not for extra rail investment but to cover operating costs.

Nor is there any sign that a shift will occur in the future to make the postponed roads unnecessary.

Changes in planned public expenditure (in £ million at 1974 survey prices) for 1976-77 made since the December, 1972, White Paper on Public Expenditure (Cmnd 5178) and the January, 1975, White Paper (Cmnd 5879).

	White Ppr. Dec. '72	White Ppr. Jan. '75	Current plans	Change since Dec. 1972
Mway. & trunk road constrn.	515	334	313	−39.2%
Mway. & trunk road maintnce.	45	52	51	+13.3%
Local authy. trnspt.	1,060	916	856	−19.2%
Cent. govt. subsidies to BR	58	314	314	+441.4%
Other cent. govt. subsidies	23	40	40	+73.9%
Invstmnt. by BR	186	200	200*	+7.5%
Invstmnt. by nationalized trnspt. indust.	65	70	70*	+7.7%
Total trnspt. expend. in GB	1,952	1,926	1,844	−5.5%

* Total reductions of £77m are to be made. The distribution has not yet been settled with the nationalized industries.

London and Midland rail cuts from January

By Our Transport Correspondent

Cuts in services on British Rail's London Midland Region to save £300,000 a year are to be introduced on January 5, as part of British Rail's economy drive. Inter-City services will not be affected, but there will be a reduction in frequencies on London commuter services out of Euston and St Marylebone.

In the North-west some Sunday services will be withdrawn and weekday services will be reduced. Areas affected include:

Liverpool - Southport/Ormskirk: Some intermediate stations will close and trains will run at 45 minutes instead of 30 minute intervals; Nottingham-Leicester: The local Leicester-Nottingham service is to be withdrawn; Euston-Watford: The stopping service will be cut from 15 to 20 minute intervals, except for peak hours; Broad Street-Richmond: The service will be stretched to 30 minute intervals instead of 20; Watford-South Hampstead: The peak hour Watford-Euston and Watford-Broad Street services will run at alternate 30 minute intervals, giving a 15 minute service for all stations between Watford and South Hampstead.

Western Region last week announced service cuts to save about £500,000 a year from January. The cuts affect Paddington, Reading, Slough, Windsor and Oxford services. Eleven weekday trains are to be withdrawn and 27 altered on those routes; some Sunday services will be withdrawn.

Gwynedd council asks the Government for assistance

Footing the bill for bilingualism

From Trevor Fishlock

Caernarvon

Gwynedd County Council, in North Wales, is asking the Government to make a substantial contribution towards the £590,000 annual cost of its bilingual policy. The result of the application is awaited with interest by the other authorities that make provision for the Welsh language in education and administration.

Gwynedd council incorporates the old counties of Anglesey, Caernarvon and Merioneth, where Welsh is the first language of more than two thirds of the people.

The bilingual policy was established to enable ratepayers, councillors, council employees and the district and community councils to use the language of their choice in their business with the county authority. It was also established to put Welsh on an equal footing with English as an "official" language, and almost all council documents are written in Welsh as well as English.

The council chamber in Caernarvon is the only one in Wales equipped for simultaneous translation, to enable the eight councillors who do not speak Welsh to participate in debates with their 58 Welsh-speaking colleagues.

The administrative cost of the bilingual policy for the next year is £73,400.

That includes £23,700 for the translating team, and takes into account the larger outlay on paper, printing costs, postage, advertising and extra staff that a public service run in two languages requires. It also includes tuition for staff who do not speak Welsh.

Those administrative costs represent a charge to the ratepayer of a fifth of a penny.

The figures do not include costs resulting from a bilingual policy in the schools, and figures show that the biggest extra cost in a bilingual region is in education.

The primary schools of Gwynedd spend nearly £48,000 a year on additional books and the salaries of extra teachers. In the secondary schools the extra cost is nearly £460,000: more than £11,000 of it is spent on books, and £448,000 goes on teachers' salaries. The cost of further education, mainly Welsh classes for adults, is nearly £10,000 a year.

The relatively small additional sum spent in primary education compared with secondary education is explained by the fact that most primary school children traditionally get their education through the medium of Welsh, their mother tongue. In secondary schools, where there is more teaching in English, most of the extra money goes towards paying and supplying more than 100 teachers who teach Welsh language and literature.

The Welsh element in bilingual education costs the county nearly £517,000. That compares with a gross education budget of £26m, and total council spending of £47m.

The Gwynedd authority believes that the extra cost of maintaining a bilingual policy should be recognized by the exchequer as a special case, because support for the Welsh language is Government policy and because the principle of equal validity for Welsh and English in Wales is expressed in the Welsh Language Act.

Although Gwynedd council has a special commitment to a bilingual policy, in keeping with the strength of Welsh in its area, all the county councils of Wales and many of the districts give support in some degree to Welsh, particularly in the field of education. Gwent gives very little, but Dyfed and Clwyd give a lot, reflecting the language patterns in their areas.

Mr Ioan Bowen Rees, the Gwynedd county secretary, said that the bilingual policy was proving effective. "It is not Welsh language toremism. Both languages are used freely, and Welsh is hard at work. The use of Welsh in official business is increasing. Bilingualism is not an artificial concept grafted on to the council's work, because Welsh is the first language of much of the social, business and cultural life of the region.

"The three former councils used it a lot in their day to day business. Nevertheless, there was a tradition of using English as the official language.

"Now there are two official languages, and while there are many jobs in the county council where Welsh is a requirement, there are others where it is not necessary, and people dealing with the council may write or talk in whichever language they choose."

...ors ...ion

...gn doctors' worst ...iency failure rate

...odgkinson

...worst results yet ...al Medical Coun... ...ency test for ...s seeking jobs in ...Overseas Doctors' ...isclosed last night ...ssing the Depart... ...alth and Social ...ntervene. It says ...d publication of ...s badly damaging ...the 19,000 over... ...n Britain.

...nation, introduced ...held monthly, is ...test language and ...etence. The GMC ...esterday that 92 ...ndidates who took ...n failed, a failure ...per cent, compared ...0 per cent in pre... ...s.

...Sayeed, chairman ...as doctors, said his ...as proposed to Dr ...ister of State for ...instead of being pitched straight into the test the doctors should first be allowed to work a three-month attachment to a district hospital. They could be strictly supervised during that time, but it would give them a chance to learn the pattern of medicine in Britain, and to improve their knowledge of spoken English.

The scheme should be run by the department, and ideally, language classes should form a part of it, Dr Sayeed said. The doctors could be paid at half the rate for a house officer, one of the lowest grades of junior doctor, until they passed the test and received temporary registration, allowing them to practise in Britain.

The association has asked the GMC not to publish the examination results. "The man in the street does not go deeply into the situation, and these disappointing figures affect the doctor-patient relationship". Dr Sayeed said.

...says he was hoaxed ...idnapping child

...rton, owner of a ... shop, denied at ...Crown Court yes... ...he was taking ...aged five, daugh... ...ny Carr, a football ...to his empty shop ...by the police on ...of Manchester.

...on, aged 39, of ...Road, Whitefield, ...has pleaded not ...napping the girl, ...100,000 with men... ...ling a car, driving ...ther documents.

...was hoaxed by a ...ephone caller into ...e girl on her way ...chool after being told that his own son had been kidnapped.

Under cross-examination by Miss Joyanne Bracewell, for the prosecution, Mr Anderton said that after he had left the Greyhound Hotel at Leigh with the girl his mind was in turmoil. He telephoned to his wife but did not tell her anything about his "terrible" experience. He added: "My concern was for Vanessa."

Miss Bracewell said: "The truth of the matter was that you yourself had kidnapped this child and intended to get a ransom for her yourself. Mr Anderton replied: "I did not."

The trial continues today.

...no hit a ... £50

...whose family has ...for 15 years for ...mmodation was ...squatters broke ...near his prefabri... ...it was stated at ...agistrate's Court, ...yesterday. During ...gument between ...ts and the squat... ...led, Michael Irwin ...punched Ranji ...atter in the face ...requiring four ...

...as fined £50. He ...: "I regret my ...have been wait... ...ncil place for 15 ...se when you see ...king in across the ...ing you to mind ...iness it is an un... ...action."

...ged 21, admitted ...harm and was ...porting his mother ...d paying all the ...£12 a week home ...Street, Chelsea.

Judge says 'living in sin' not bar to custody

The Court of Appeal yesterday overruled an insurance broker's objections to his daughter, aged eight, being brought up by his former wife and her lover.

Sir John Pennycuick said that in earlier generations the presence of the lover would have been conclusive against the mother having custody of her daughter. But in 1975 there was nothing like the same objection to a couple "living in sin". In custody cases it was a factor to be considered, but not a decisive factor.

The court dismissed the appeal of the father, who is 38, against an order granting custody of his daughter to her mother, who is 32.

The judge said the parents were now divorced but still living in the same house in Hampshire. The mother, who had a part-time job, planned to get a two-bedroom flat in the same county and set up home with her lover, who is 35.

...dant says shooting ...was accidental

...who shot dead ...ved over a quar... ...ler man, said in ...e Central Crim... ...sterday, that he ...care her.

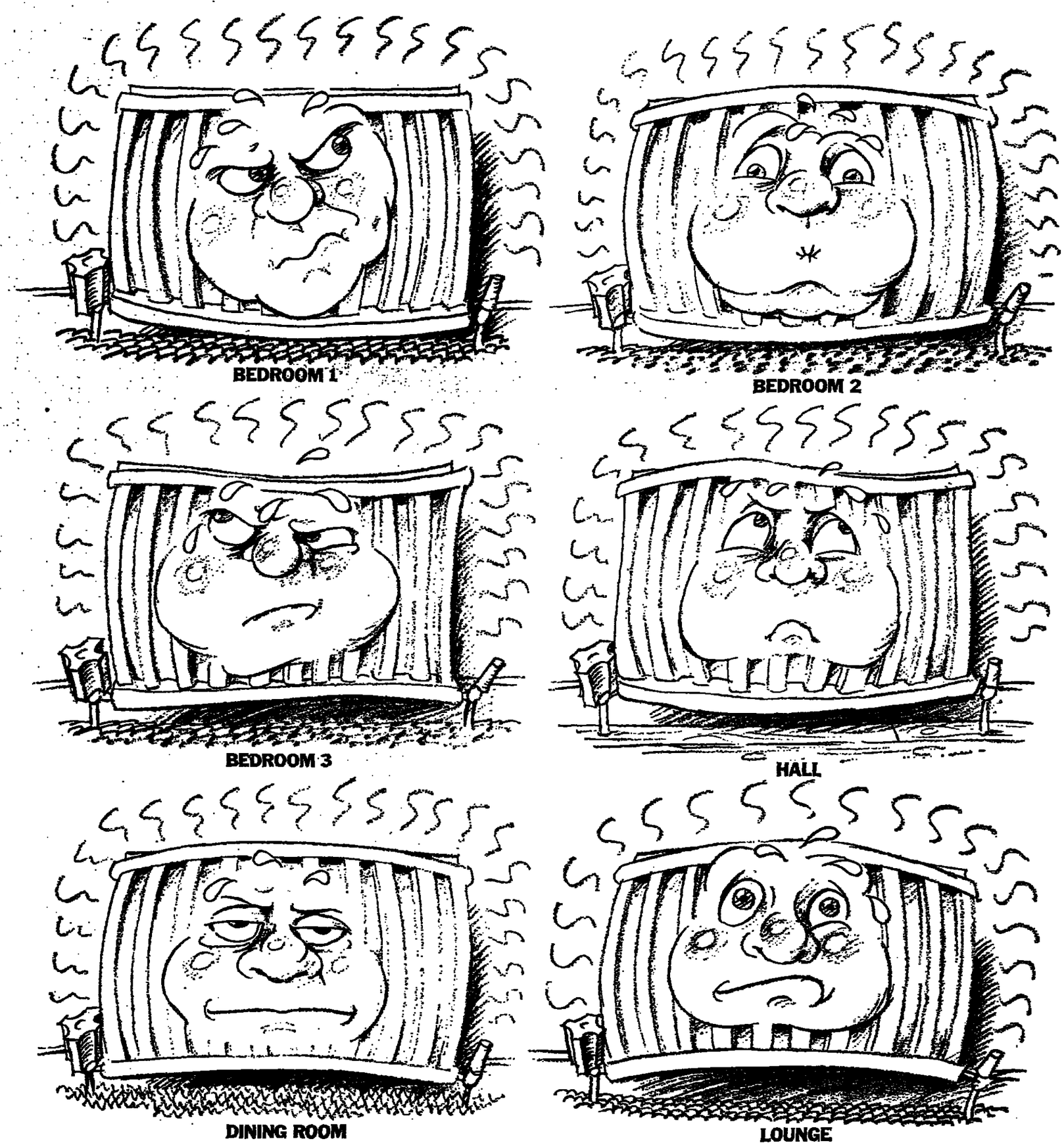
...took a loaded ...confronted Linda ...up, aged 25, but ...only as a bluff. ...was accidental, ...Laffan died on ...th of her home ...Blackheath, Lou... ...

...aged 27, unem... ...vels Lane, Lew... ...aded not guilty ...liss Laffan. ...ed yesterday by ...Richardson, for ...n, Mr Mason said his pride was hurt when he discovered that Miss Laffan was going out with another man, Mr Alan Batham. All three were members of the St Nicholas Rifle and Pistol Club at Chislehurst.

On the night of May 27, Mr Mason said, he discovered that Miss Laffan went to Mr Batham's house. He went home, picked up the loaded weapon and returned to "have it out" with her.

Asked by Mr Richardson why the gun was loaded if it was intended only to scare the girl, Mr Mason said: "I took the bullets because Lou was not the kind of person you could bluff easily."

The trial continues today.



You can't be in six places at once.

Unless you're desperate to spend money, there's little point in heating a room no one's using. Especially this winter, with the price of fuel a great deal higher than last.

SAVE IT

Most bedrooms, for instance, are almost certainly uninhabited during the day. By turning down the bedroom radiators when you get up, you'll hold down your central heating bill without discomfort.

And till the weather gets really cold, maybe you can leave them turned down. (Not forgetting to close the doors.)

Your central heating probably has some other knobs worth turning.

Setting your room thermostat 3°F lower this year could save as much as 15% of your fuel consumption.

Try resetting your time clock to save an hour or so of heating each day.

If you're having a Sunday lie-in, why not let your boiler do the same?

By making use of your central heating controls in this way, you may well use up to a third less fuel than you did last year.

Department of Energy.

Ask for advice and booklets at your Gas, Electricity or Solid Fuel Advisory Service Showroom or from your Fuel Oil Distributor.

...Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and ...Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls.

...excluding surplus of approx £20m on revaluation of properties at 1st April, 1973 and provisions for deferred profit of £68m. ... 308,855 337,574

GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

Law Report November 17 1975 — Court of Appeal

Discretion in child case: judge reversed

In re F (an infant)

Before Lord Justice Stamp, Lord Justice Browne and Lord Justice Bridge.

[Judgments delivered Nov 14]

The Court of Appeal, by a majority, held that the court could reverse a decision of a judge in an infant case who had seen the parties and their witnesses and had not erred in principle in giving judgment awarding custody if, in the exercise of his discretion, he had attached too much weight to one factor in the case. Their Lordships, Lord Justice Stamp dissenting, allowed an appeal by the father of a girl aged nine from the judgment of Mr Justice Bagnall last May granting custody to her maternal grandmother.

Mr William Glossop for the father; Mr J. J. Davis for the grandmother.

LORD JUSTICE STAMP said that in 1970, when the girl was four, the father broke up the marriage by having a relationship with a woman who, by subsequent marriage to him, had become her stepmother. In 1971 the father forced the mother out of the matrimonial home. She took the girl with her, and obtained a divorce and her custody. At first the mother lived with her own mother, then obtained her own accommodation. She died in March, 1974, when the father took the girl to live with him and the stepmother. In April, 1974, the maternal grandmother issued a summons making the girl a ward of court. The father was awarded custody pending the hearing of the summons.

In May, 1975, Mr Justice Bagnall, after a full hearing, ordered that the girl's custody be transferred to the grandmother but suspended the order pending appeal.

It had not been argued for the father that the judge had taken into account anything which he should not have taken into account or had failed to take into account something which he ought to have taken into account. Nor had it been submitted that the judge had erred in law or departed from principle. It was merely said that he had exercised his discretion wrongly by placing too much weight on factors favouring the grandmother's claim and too little weight on those which favoured the father and that his decision was plainly wrong. In short, the Court of Appeal was being asked to substitute its own discretion for that of the judge.

There was no doubt that the Court of Appeal had the power to reverse or vary an order made by a judge in the exercise of his discretion. But the critical question was whether it was proper to do so in an infant case where the judge had seen the parties and had based his conclusion on his estimate of their characters and personalities. In *Blunt v Blunt* ([1943] AC 517) Viscount Simon drew a distinction between interfering with the exercise of a discretion to decide the method of trial where the Court of Appeal was in as good a position as the judge to exercise that discretion, and a discretion the proper exercise of which depended on the observation of witnesses and on a deduction as to matrimonial relations and future prospects which could best be made at the trial, where the reason for not interfering was of a far stronger character.

The reasons for not interfering with the exercise of a judge's discretion in an infant case were no less strong as was shown in *In re B (an infant)* ([1962] 1 WLR 550), where the Court of Appeal, by a majority, decided that it would be wrong to substitute their discretion for that of the magistrates who had heard the case, even though each member of the court thought that he would have decided otherwise had he heard the case at first instance.

It had been argued that since *Ward v James* ([1966] 1 QB 273) there had been a radical change in relation to the review of discretion by the Court of Appeal and reliance was placed on *In re O (Infants)* ([1971] Ch 748). *Ward v James* was not an infant case. In *In re O* the attention of the court was not directed to the speech of Viscount Simon in *Blunt v Blunt* in which he drew the distinction between the two types of discretion.

In an infant case it could not be said that the decision of a judge was wrong, improper or unjust when he had not erred in law, nor taken into account matters which he ought not to have taken into account, nor failed to take into account matters which he should have taken into account. Interference by the Court of Appeal could be justified only if the course taken by the judge was one that no reasonable judge, having taken account of all the relevant circumstances, could have adopted. But that did not mean that the judge's discretion should be reversed merely on the ground that members of an appellate court on reading the documents in the case might think it quite plain that they would have adopted a different course.

The law to be applied in determining in whom the care and control of a child should be placed was concisely stated in the speech of Lord MacDermott in *J v C* ([1970] AC 710, 711): "... when all the relevant facts, relationships, claims and wishes of parents, risks, choices and other circumstances are taken into account and weighed, the course to be followed will be that which is most in the interests of the child's welfare as that term is now to be understood".

Different judges of wisdom and experience might in such matters come to different conclusions in identical circumstances. The law had no yardstick by which to measure or scales on which to weigh the circumstances referred to by Lord MacDermott. The judge had not erred in any way in exercising his discretion to grant custody to the grandmother. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE BROWNE said that the principle involved in the appeal concerned the powers and duties of the Court of Appeal in reviewing a decision made in the exercise of his discretion by a judge who had seen and heard witnesses.

It had been clearly established by *Evans v Bartlam* ([1937] AC 473) and *Charles Osenton & Co v Johnston* ([1942] AC 130) that a discretion entrusted to a judge could be reviewed not only on the grounds that he had erred in principle but also where he had not given proper weight to a relevant factor. In *Ward v James* ([1966] 1 QB 273) Lord Denning said: "The Court of Appeal will interfere if it can see that the judge has given no weight (or no sufficient weight) to those considerations which ought to have weighed with him."

Lord Justice Stamp thought that a different rule applied in infant cases and that the Court of Appeal could not reverse the judge on the ground that he had gone wrong in the balancing operation implicit in a reference to weight. There his Lordship's opinion differed from that of Lord Justice Stamp. In his judgment there was no reason why the general principle applicable to the exercise of discretion in respect of infants should be any different from the general principle applicable to any other form of discretion. In *In re O* Lord Justice Davies said: "If an appellate court is satisfied that the decision of the court below is improper, unjust or wrong, then the decision must be set aside. I am unable to subscribe to the view that a decision must be treated as sacrosant because it was made in the exercise of a discretion: so to do might well perpetuate injustice". *In re B* was not an authority to the contrary. In that case Lord Evershed and Lord Justice Harman said that it was their impression that they would have decided the case differently at first instance, not that they were satisfied that the decision of the court below was wrong.

In an infant case the court of first instance would have seen and heard the parties and their witnesses. In *Blunt v Blunt* Viscount Simon did not say that the appellate court could never interfere, but that in such cases the reason for not interfering, save in the most extreme cases, was of a far stronger character than in cases such as *Charles Osenton v Johnston* where the material was entirely documentary and thus equally available to the appellate court.

Of course, an appellate court had to be very conscious that it had not had the advantage of seeing and hearing the witnesses and it would obviously be more difficult to satisfy an appellate court in such cases that the court below was wrong. But there was not any different principle applicable to the exercise of discretion when the court below had heard oral evidence. The general principle laid down in the authorities applied, although there was that special factor in its application. His Lordship would accept that where an appellate court could see that the court below, in exercising its discretion in an infant case, had been influenced in exercising its discretion to a decisive, or probably even to a substantial, extent by its impressions based on seeing and hearing the witnesses, the appellate court should be very reluctant to interfere. But he was not prepared to go so far as to say that it should never interfere even in those circumstances.

In his Lordship's view the most important factors in favour of holding that it would be in the girl's best interests to give care and control to the father were: (1) He was the father. The choice lay not between a father and a mother but between a father and a grandmother. (2) The girl would be living with a father and stepmother in their twenties and a half-sister aged three and a half. The grandmother was about 60 and the grandfather about 64. (3) The father had shown considerable understanding of the grandmother's feelings and had not tried to put the child against her. That was an important factor primarily because of its effect on the child but also because of the favourable light which it threw on the father's character.

Unless the court was satisfied that the father and stepmother were unfit to have the care and control of the child those factors should have prevailed. The judge had set out his reasons for forming an adverse opinion of their character. It was plain that the impression that they had made on him in the witness box was not a substantial factor in his conclusion. His Lordship disagreed with that conclusion and was satisfied that the decision was wrong. He would allow the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE BRIDGE said that the analysis of the authorities by Lord Justice Browne demonstrated that the Court of Appeal was not precluded from interfering with the judge's exercise of his discretion.

The factors that favoured leaving the girl with the father and his family as being in her best interest were formidable and it would require some other very substantial consideration pointing in the opposite direction to displace that conclusion. If the father or the stepmother were shown to be unfit to have the upbringing of the girl that would be such a consideration, but it would be difficult to see that anything else would suffice.

The judge had expressed a most unfavourable opinion of the character of the father and stepmother. There had been discreditable incidents in the father's past and the stepmother's attitude to sexual morality was different from prevailing standards of an earlier generation. The judge's approach lacked realism. Too much weight had been attached to those matters. They could not justify a conclusion that the father and the stepmother should be condemned as unfit to have the responsibility for the girl's upbringing.

While it was impossible to say that the judge had considered any irrelevant matter or left out of account any relevant matter, he had nevertheless struck the wrong balance by giving too little weight to the factors favourable and too much to the factors adverse to the father's claim to retain care and control of the girl. No one except the grandmother had in any way criticized the father's and stepmother's care of the child, and the judge himself had expressly rejected the stepmother's criticism. He would allow the appeal.

Solicitors: Lucas, Styring & Appleby; Clifford Watts, Compton & Co for Dizz and Clegg with Maude & Spark.

Be a thrifty Philanthropist

Open an account with the CHARITIES AID FOUNDATION

You will save money and have more to give to charity, and... charity will benefit from the full advantages of tax concessions.

* You can *give out of income* and have at least *half as much again* to distribute to charity at no additional cost to yourself.
* You can donate capital and the charities of your choice will benefit from the tax-free income or the capital.
* You can lend capital, even for a few months, and the income will be distributed to charity *entirely tax-free*.

And all account holders can use CHARITY CREDITS – the new and unique way of giving. You write them just like a cheque.
To find out more post the coupon indicating the booklets you require.

CHARITIES AID FOUNDATION
48 Pembury Road Tonbridge Kent TN9 2JD

Please send me the following booklets:–

THE FACILITIES OF THE CHARITIES AID FOUNDATION – a guide to methods of giving to charity. ☐
TRUST FACILITIES – to help those who wish to give capital to charity. ☐
GIVING TO CHARITY FROM INCOME – a guide for individual donors. ☐
THE BUSINESS SIDE OF GIVING TO CHARITY – a guide for Company Directors. ☐
CHARITY CREDITS – an explanatory leaflet. ☐

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

CHARITIES AID FOUNDATION
Specialists in the administration of tax-privileged funds for charity T/D

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, November 17, 1950

Serengeti Park

From Our Correspondent

Dar es Salaam, Nov 16.—The Tanganyika Legislative Council has agreed to the setting up of the Serengeti National Park, and Sir Edward Twining, the Governor, is expected to issue the necessary proclamation later this month.

Mr *J. C. Muir*, the Member for Agriculture and Natural Resources, said that the boundaries of the park had been the subject of long discussion, but the claims of all interested parties were now satisfied. The Masai tribesmen in the park would be allowed to remain.

Mr Muir felt that as the country developed game would be increasingly disturbed in its natural habitat, and would have to be protected in sanctuaries. The first of such sanctuaries was Serengeti.

WEST EUROPE

Opposition in Bonn tries to heal rifts

From Dan van der Vat
Bonn, Nov 17

The warring factions in the West German Opposition met for four and a half hours in Bonn today and made some progress towards a united front for next year's federal election.

The protagonists were Dr Helmut Kohl, chairman of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU), and Herr Franz-Josef Strauss, chairman of the Christian Social Union (CSU). The two parties function as one in the Bundestag but separately elsewhere, the CSU being exclusively Bavarian and the CDU operating in the other nine Länder.

Since Dr Kohl was accepted, with unconcealed reluctance by his partners, as joint candidate of the two parties for Chancellor next year, Herr Strauss has constantly challenged, or rather ignored, his authority. This has done enormous damage to the Opposition, just as the Government had its back to the wall because of the economic recession and internal disputes. The country is girding its loins for a long election campaign which has really begun already.

After today's meeting, Herr Strauss flew back to Munich, leaving it to Dr Kohl to announce two signal steps forward in his dire struggle to unite the Opposition behind him. He told reporters that the CSU had no intention of "going federal" and becoming a fourth nationwide party.

He and Herr Strauss shared the view, he said, that there was no real place for a fourth party in the present political landscape. Observers have lost track of how many times the "going federal" rumour has been denied. Leading figures in the CSU have been pressing for it openly in a party where nothing important happens without Herr Strauss approving it. It is a card he has often played himself, and it will be played again.

Dr Kohl also announced the names of a "leadership team" of 10 men to form the basis of a shadow Cabinet, with more to be named later. They include Dr Kohl and Herr Strauss and two other names of unusual import.

One is Professor Kurt Biedenkopf, general-secretary of the CDU and its principal political theorist. Herr Strauss has made no secret of his lack of enthusiasm for the diminutive general-secretary. He is widely believed to have come close to an ultimatum on the lines of "either him or me." He appears therefore to have made two important concessions from which he can be expected to make capital by presenting himself as a man ready to make sacrifices for the sake of unity.

The other interesting name comes from the recent political past: Dr Rainer Barzel, the former CDU chairman who resigned, with a little help from his friends, after defeat in the 1972 election.

This marks something of a comeback for a man with considerable political talent, tinged though it is with impetuosity, from whom little has been heard since his resignation in 1973. The CDU-CSU is not so well off for talent that it can afford to leave him out of a potential ministerial team. The portfolios have not yet been assigned.

The Opposition appears to have realized in the nick of time how little it can afford to present a picture of division so deep as to encourage ridicule. This must have been brought home to them by the skilfully managed congresses of the ruling Social Democrats last week and their coalition partners, the Free Democrats, last month.

It has become increasingly difficult to understand the tactics of Herr Strauss in recent months, unless they indicate a belief that the Opposition cannot win next year. It is also far too early to accept that the Opposition has solved its perennial leadership problem, which is really a Strauss problem. The wound has closed for the moment, but it is far from healed.

Boycott on flags of convenience

Copenhagen, Nov 17.—The Scandinavian Transport Workers' Federation is to boycott all merchant ships sailing under flags of convenience until seamen on board enjoy the same pay and conditions as those on ships under European flags. The boycott will begin on May 1 next year and will affect an estimated 6,200 vessels.

Quest for French literary lion dramatic to the end

Mystery winner of Prix Goncourt

From Richard Wigg
Paris, Nov 17

With fire bombs, police protection, bitter controversy and a still mysterious winner of today's Prix Goncourt, this year's French literary prize-giving season has got off to the kind of start publishers anywhere in the world would dream of, especially as the violence stopped short of really hurting anyone.

The scene this morning in the Place Gaillot, the site of the Drouant restaurant, where the Goncourt jury always meets, resembled the tense atmosphere of a big city kidnapping with detectives and burly plain clothes policemen everywhere. They were on guard for fresh violence after a small petrol bomb had done some overnight damage to the Latin Quarter offices of Editions du Seuil, the publishers.

But M Jean-Edern Hallier, the Paris socialite and self-appointed chief critic of the Prix Goncourt as at present administered, failed to turn up with his supporters and do battle with a magnificent pair of impassive "chuckers out" the restaurant had obviously selected for a promised invasion.

The literary mystery remains, however. The winner, "Emile Ajar", the pen name of a writer, aged 35, of Jewish and Slav origins born in Nice, failed to turn up. His novel, *La Vie devant Soi* (The Life Ahead of One) received the prize at the tenth round. His publishers are Mercure de France.

The winner of the critics' Prix Renaudot, announced simultaneously at the Drouant, is M Jean Joubert, a Loiret-born professor of American Literature at Montpelier University, for his novel *L'Homme de Sable* (the Man of Sand), published by Grasset.

Emile Ajar was lured to Paris last week by his publisher to reassure the Goncourt jury, who feared they might make themselves appear ridiculous by "crowning" some well known literary figure. It was even whispered, before his appearance, that the novel was the literary efforts of a computer. But "M Ajar" has since been tracked down by *Le Point*, the French weekly, though the only real disclosure he would make was that he chose his pen name because he liked the euphony of the English word for a half-opened door. He had already published a novel under that pseudonym last year.

La Vie devant Soi—tells of the macabre adventures of the little orphaned son of a prostitute, befriended only by an elderly Jewish woman haunted by memories of the Nazi occupation.

The institution of French literary prizes—the Goncourt assures the winner an edition of at least 300,000 copies in time for Christmas — has been attacked for several years. But this year two groups, one inspired by M Hallier, the former editor of the extreme left-wing, *L'Idiot International* and the other calling itself "the revolutionary artists' group" (which claimed responsibility for today's petrol bomb) have introduced "direct action" methods into the Paris literary salons for the first time.

Three members of the jury have had to endure attacks, including a fire bomb in the lift of the Paris home of Mme Françoise Mallet Joris, vice-president of the Academie Goncourt.

This has led to the arrest of M Jack Thieuloy, an unknown author he friended by M Hallier. He is still being held on charges of possessing arms and preparing other attacks.

The essential complaint of the two groups, who seek publicity as actively as they accuse French publishing houses of doing, is that the literary aims set by the Goncourt brothers at the beginning of the century have been overtaken by commercial considerations.

M Pascal Laine, winner of last year's prix Goncourt, writing in tonight's *France Soir*, argues that "scandal" is the only force the Prix has today, providing authors with a much deserved reward of income through increased sales.

"Above all do not feel any false shame", runs his advice to "Emile Ajar", telling him to go away and dedicate himself to writing peacefully on the proceeds. This the Goncourt winner has already said he intends.

The Man of Sand has as its symbolic theme the defeat by contemporary society of an architect's desire to build a city as he wishes. It is M Joubert's fourth novel.

W. H. Smith award, page 17.

Joint Franco-Italian communist strategy

Rome, Nov 17.—The Italian and French Communist Parties, the largest in Western Europe, declared in a joint communiqué today that every country had the right to choose its own political and social system without foreign interference.

The two parties also pledged themselves to multi-party politics, the right to vote and "the guarantee and development of democratic institutions fully representative of popular sovereignty".

The joint communiqué was issued after two days of talks between M Georges Marchais, the French Communist leader, and Signor Enrico Berlinguer, his Italian counterpart.

It said that "in relations among all states the right of all people to decide in a sovereign manner their own political and social regimes must be guaranteed".

Attacking "the pretension of American imperialism to insert itself in the life of people" the parties "pronounce themselves against all foreign interference".

The two parties also vowed to work within the parliamentary system: "The French and Italian Communists declare themselves for the plurality of political parties, for the right to existence and activity of parties of opposition, for the free formation and democratic changeover between the majority and the minority".

With Roman Catholic votes in mind the communiqué came out for "religious freedom", mentioning an understanding between the Communists and "popular forces of Christian inspiration".

It endorsed also "the common action between Communists and Socialists".

On achieving power, the two parties said they "must do that in a framework of continued democratization of economic, social and political life".

They called "socialism a superior phase of democracy and liberty".

"All liberties—whether they are the fruit of the great democratic-bourgeois revolutions or of the great popular struggles of this century, headed by the working class—must be guaranteed and developed.

"This goes for the freedoms of thought and expression, of the press, of gathering and association, of demonstration, of free circulation of persons at home and abroad, of inviolability of private life, or religious liberties, of the total freedom of expression of all currents and all philosophical, cultural and artistic opinion."

The communiqué said that the two parties "reconfirm their combative solidarity with the working class and all anti-Fascists in Spain, who are struggling for the salvation and liberty of political prisoners and a regime of full political liberty".

On Portugal, the pledged support "against every reactionary threat and to guarantee the democratic and social process of that country".—UPI and AP.

Berlin, Nov 17.—Communist officials from East and West began in East Berlin today what could b ethe final preparatory meeting for a European communist conference.

Delegates from 26 communist and workers parties are taking part in the opening session of the editorial commission, designed to put the finishing touches to a final conference document, the East German news agency ADN reported.—Reuter.

Spanish right oppose change

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Nov 17

Right wing Spanish politicians have warned the country against expecting any political changes in the post-Franco era.

Señor José Antonio Giron, a former Labour Minister, and leader of the regime's Association of Civil War Veterans, said in the northern town of Sama de Langreo yesterday that the prohibition against political parties other than the Falange-based National Movement must be maintained.

Addressing veterans of the Spanish Blue Division, which fought against the Soviet Union on the side of Nazi Germany in the Second World War, Señor Giron said "there is an international conspiracy against Spain regardless of this country's political system.

"The conspiracy is against our institutions and our society, whether they be courts of law or peaceful embassies. The conspiracy is against the very essence of our Fatherland", he added.

PEN restores German

Vienna, Nov 17.—The executive committee of the International PEN Club voted today to restore German as one of PEN's official languages together with English and French. German was dropped 41 years ago.

Committee sources said that the vote was 15 to 12. Those who opposed the move said that a third language would increase administrative costs. The six-day PEN congress, which opened in Vienna today, accepted a £7,000 grant from the Krupp Foundation, in spite of some protests. —UPI and AP.

Explosion kills three at Madrid car plant

Madrid, Nov 17.—At least three Spanish workers died in an explosion at a Chrysler car plant near here today. They were buried under rubble when the ceiling caved in, a company spokesman said. Five others were seriously injured.

Rescue workers were searching for more possible dead or injured in the wreckage of the factory, four miles from the city.

The explosion, shortly before midday, destroyed part of the building, the spokesman added. The possibility of a bomb attack had been ruled out and the company was convinced it was a gas explosion.

The factory, with a work force of 10,000, produces gear systems for Chrysler plants in Europe.—Reuter.

Wide-ranging EEC debate today on unemployment

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Nov 17

The growing number of unemployed in the European Community will be the main focus of discussions here tomorrow at a three-sided meeting between ministers of finance and employment, the European Commission, and employers and trade unionists. Mr Foot, the Secretary for Employment, will be making his debut on the Community stage.

At a separate meeting here today, EEC finance ministers were expected to hold a brief preparatory discussion of the issues to be taken up at the conference. Employment ministers also held informal preliminary talks, at which Mr Foot was represented by Mr John Fraser, his Under-Secretary.

It has taken two years to arrange a three-way conference of this kind, and even now doubts about its usefulness remain. There is, however, no question about the seriousness of the situation which ministers will be examining with the Commission and the "social partners".

This is made clear in a basic discussion paper drawn up for the conference by the Commission. There are, it says, nearly five million unemployed in the EEC at present, more than double the number at the same time last year. Industrial production is down by more than 11 per cent, on average.

Gross domestic product will show an average decline throughout the Community of 2.5 per cent this year, the Commission thinks.

MPs quit Lisbon anarchy and meet in Oporto

Lisbon, Nov 17.—The Constituent Assembly's 213 non-Communist deputies met in Oporto today to discuss moving their sessions north because of the lack of security in Lisbon.

"We have to do something", one deputy said. "The mob rules Lisbon. Nobody governs it."

The proposal to move the 250-seat parliament was made under a law giving the Assembly the right to shift its sessions if the capital becomes too insecure. Today's session, boycotted by the Communists and their allies, was provoked by last week's siege of the parliament building in Lisbon by left-wing militants supporting a strike of construction workers.

In the siege Admiral Pinheiro de Azevedo, the Prime Minister, two Cabinet ministers and 200 deputies were trapped inside. The deputies were allowed to leave after a night's captivity, but the Prime Minister and his Cabinet colleagues were forced to remain until they gave in to the workers' wage claims.

A statement today by General Altino de Magalhaes, Governor of the Azores, threatening to declare the independence of his islands, added to the national tension.

"The Azores will not be dependent on a state of anarchy", he said. "The regional junta (of the islands) will refuse any government that is non-representative and is acting against the will of the Portuguese people."

General Magalhaes emphasized that he supported the sixth provisional Government and indicated that, if it fell, the Azores would become an independent nation.

"The regional junta demands that the military and the police (on the mainland) do their duty, enforcing the laws that guarantee individual liberties", his statement said. "Without that there is no true government in the country."

The general's statement was followed by a demonstration by an estimated 15,000 Azoreans in protest at the mainland's chronic crises and turmoil. The rally, organized by local Popular Democrats, found itself supported by a pro-American separatist movement on the islands, the Azorean Liberation Front (FLA). Local Socialists did not welcome such support and tried to cancel the rally, but it went ahead nevertheless.

Soon after the Socialist's position became known, a bomb heavily damaged their offices in the Azorean capital of Ponta Delgada.

A move to break the Azores away from Portugal and seek closer ties with the United States, which has a strategic air base on the islands, has been growing for several months. In tandem with this, most communists and other far leftists have been forced to leave the islands because of street violence against them.

Meanwhile in Lisbon the piles of garbage littering the streets grew for the third day as anti-communist municipal workers remained on strike against communist control of the city Government. The capital's lights and water still worked, but officials said these services could break down if any fault developed in the automatic systems.

Citing the "gravity of the internal political situation" Senhor Melo Antunes, the Foreign Minister, today cancelled his visits to Hungary and Belgium this week.—UPI.

OVERSEAS

MiG attack expected on Angolan spearhead

Lusaka, Zambia, Nov 17.— Jorge Sangumba, Fore Minister of the Unita natic lists in Angola, has said t the western-supported a column heading for Luan expects to come under he attack from Russian Mi fighter planes soon.

He told reporters yester- that Unita forces and t allies of the National From the Liberation of Ang (FNLA), had hoped to g the rival Popular Movem for the Liberation of Ang (MPLA) from the cap much earlier.

The Soviet-backed MPL now holding Luanda, decla itself the ruling power Angola six days ago when P tugal granted independence.

The joint Unita-FNLA gro which set up its own Gove ment at Huambo (forme Nova Lisboa) in South Angola, sent its army towa the seaside capital, aiming encircle it and force MPLA to surrender by cut off water and electricity s plies.

On the other side of Luan a 20,000-strong FNLA force dug in at Quifangondo, miles north of the capital within artillery range of water supplies.

Mr Sangumba said 400 R sian technicians had arrived Luanda. The Soviet Union also equipped the MPLA w 120mm and 144mm heavy a lery, he said.

The Johannesburg reported from Luanda to that the MPLA is preparin heavy counter-offensive. Pl were announced by the MP army political commissar, C mander Juju, a Portugu whose real name is Julio Almeida.

According to the newspap Senhor Almeida admitted t the situation was "very ba south of Luanda, where armoured column led by wh mercenaries had forced a h ried withdrawal of MP troops and captured se towns.

His statement was given dence by the heavy flow Soviet arms arriving Luanda's airport and in harbour, where it is about only traffic at present.

Daily cargo flights w bringing in sophistica Soviet weapons, includ 120mm rockets, anti-aircr guns, artillery, morta armoured cars and assa rifles.

The newspaper also said th the Cuban military contin with the MPLA, estimated roughly 3,000, was being re forced and was training i MPLA to use the more soph ticated weapons. The Cuba were also taking a direct pa in the fighting.

Windhoek, South West Africa: A Strip of No-Man's-Land to four miles wide is bei cleared along the border b tween South West Frica a Angola, government offici said today. Blacks living cl to the border are being re cled deeper inside South-W Africa (Namibia).

The South African defer headquarters in Preto announced last night that enlisted man was killed wh guerrillas mortared a So African Army bivouac in " operational border area" week. Ten guerrillas w killed in a countera-ttack arms and ammunition seize

The extent of activity in border area in unknown Mr Pieter Botha, the So African Defence Minister, lying last night to Soviet gations that South Africa heading the FNLA-Unita att on Luanda, said: "As far South Africa is concerned, are looking to and defend the borders wer are resp sible for."

Mr Jannie de Wt, Sc African commissioner-gen in South-West Africa, today: "The S. W. Afr homelands are prepared to perate with the Ang Government once a stable l of government has been e lished for economic humanitarian reasons.

"If the New Governm proves to us tha tit is prep to maintain peaceful co tence there will no longer need for a strip of No-M Land."

Kinshasa: Reports reac here from the Angolan em of Cabinda, north of Congo river, said that t of the separatist FLEC m ment operating in the n west of the enclave had growing resistance from M forces as they moved and had been unable to Tchowa, the capital.

MPLA forces have he mined the territory's sou and south-eastern borde prevent Cabindans fleeing Zaire. Most of the refugee youths, who have been rudimentary military tra by the MPLA so they ca sent to defend Luanda. this they do not want to

Fugitive Black Panther leader return to US

From Our Own Correspond
New York, Nov 17

Mr. Eldridge Cleaver former leading member o Black Panthers, has decide return to the United S and face arrest, accordin report from Paris. He wa the American Embassy today to collect the nece papers, and is expected t back to America tomorrow

Mr Cleaver left the U States in 1968 after his p on a conviction for assault been cancelled as a result gun battle between police black militants in Oak California. He has since in Cuba, Algeria and France

هكذا من الاصل

SEAS

m spent by US s abroad 'in tionable practices'

ogi
Correspondent
ov 17

$305m (about
en spent abroad
s by 20 big Unit-
panies in connex-
uestionable and
ess practices",
Mr Les Aspin, a
ngressman from
received today a
ign business acti-
compiled by the
Library of Con-

says that the-
es that a "great
tions are up to
very questionable
cases totally ille-
practices". He is
g legislation to
crime for "any
poration or offi-
bribe or demand
m a foreigner in
doing business".
is based on mate-
so far this year
restigative bodies,
Senate multina-
ittee, or by com-
difficult to deter-
the $306m total
too low.
does almost cer-
some business
were valid fees
ons to agents and
On the other hand,
es not cover pay-
ve been admitted,
ified.
ent yesterday, for
e head of the
oration said that
had in past years
money on pay-
icians and political
uch countries as
Australia.
t is fairly vague
portion of the total
ocally be said to
of bribes, but it
asize that the
have been pub-
ed in relation to
hical, if not flatly
ess activities.

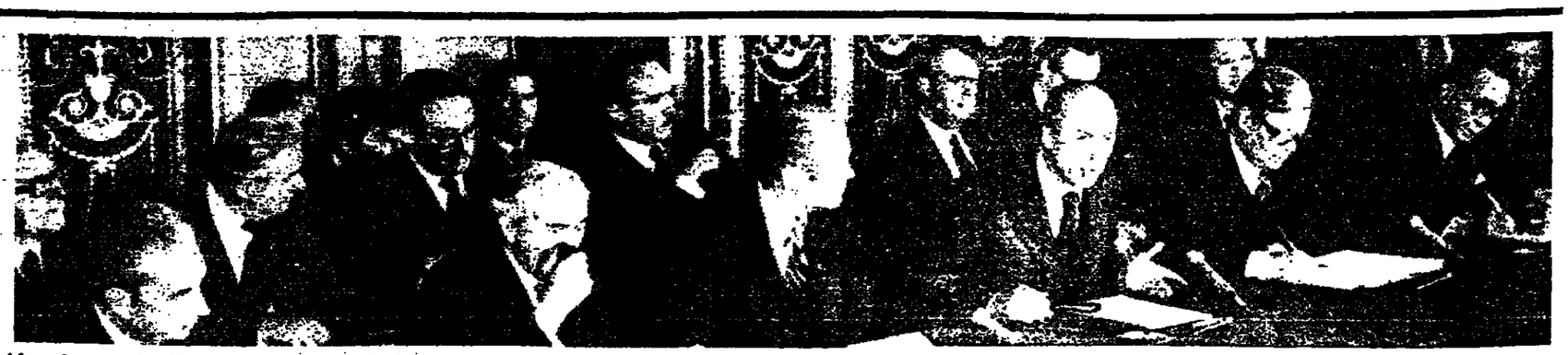
Thus, topping the list in the report are payments of $202m by the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation for consultant fees, political contributions and special fees to foreign agents.

The Lockheed payments primarily involve agents in Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Iran, Greece and the Philippines. Behind this company comes the Exxon Corporation, with total foreign payments of $50m, including a $1.2m donation to Canadian political parties, and between $46m and $49m in at least partly illegal payments to Italian political parties, including $86,000 to the Italian Communist Party.

The Northrop Corporation comes next with $30m which is said to include secret payments to government officials in West Germany, France, Iran, Saudi Arabia and elsewhere in the Middle East, as well as in parts of South America. Then comes the Gulf Oil Company with political payments, primarily in South America and South Korea, of some $5m.

The list includes such big international corporations as General Motors, ITT, IBM, McDonnell Douglas, Mobil, Occidental, United Brands, Raytheon, Merck, Phillips Petroleum, Del Monte, FMS Corp, Citgo, American Home Products Corporation, Vinnell and Ford and Chrysler in connexion with legal political payments in Italy.

The Department of Justice and the securities and exchange commission are deeply involved in many of these matters and have already either imposed fines or forced most of the companies to give assurances of non-repetition of similar payments. The investigators believe that all the evidence to date is merely the tip of the iceberg and that a vast number of companies have been involved in multi-million dollar questionable business practices abroad.



After the summit: Signor Moro of Italy (left, front), Mr Wilson, President Ford, President Giscard d'Estaing, Herr Schmidt and Mr Miki of Japan at a press conference in Rambouillet

Rambouillet declaration affirms will to restore economic growth

Rambouillet, Nov 17.—The following is the full text of the joint declaration issued today at the close of the summit meeting here:

The heads of state and governments of France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, met in the chateau de Rambouillet from November 15 to 17, 1975, and agreed to declare as follows:

1 In these three days we held a searching and productive exchange of views on the world economic situation, on economic problems common to our countries, on their human, social and political implications, and on plans for resolving them.

2 We came together because of shared beliefs and shared responsibilities. We are each responsible for the government of an open, democratic society, dedicated to individual liberty and social advancement. Our success will strengthen, indeed is essential to democratic societies everywhere. We are each responsible for assuring the prosperity of a major industrial economy. The growth and stability of our economies will help the entire industrial world and developing countries to prosper.

3 To assure in a world of growing interdependence the success of the objectives set out in this declaration, we intend to play our own full part and strengthen our efforts for closer international cooperation and constructive dialogue among all countries, transcending differences in stages of economic development, degrees of resource endowment and political and social systems.

4 The industrial democracies are determined to overcome high unemployment, continuing inflation and serious energy problems. The purpose of our meeting was to review our progress, identify more clearly the problems that we must overcome in the future, and to set a course that we will follow in the period ahead.

5 The most urgent task is to assure the recovery of our economies and to reduce the waste of human resources involved in unemployment. In consolidating the recovery it is essential to avoid unleashing additional inflationary forces which would threaten its success. The objective must be growth that is steady and lasting. In this way, consumer and business confidence will be restored.

6 We are confident that our present policies are compatible and complementary and that recovery is under way. Nevertheless, we recognize the need for vigilance and adaptability in our policies. We will not allow the recovery to falter. We will not accept another outburst of inflation.

7 We also concentrated on the need for new efforts in the areas of world trade, monetary matters and raw materials, including energy.

8 As domestic recovery and economic expansion proceed, we must seek to restore growth in the volume of world trade. Growth and price stability will be fostered by maintenance of an open trading system. In a period where pressures are developing for a return to protectionism, it is essential for the main trading nations to confirm their commitment to the principles of the OECD pledge and to avoid resorting to measures by which they could try to solve their problems at the expense of others, with damaging consequences in the economic, social and political fields. There is a responsibility on all countries, especially those with strong balance of payments positions and on those with current deficits, to pursue policies which will permit the expansion of world trade to their mutual advantage.

9 We believe that the multilateral trade negotiations should be accelerated. In accordance with the principles laid down in the Tokyo declaration, they should aim at substantial tariff cuts, even eliminating tariffs in some areas, at significantly expanding agricultural trade and at reducing non-tariff measures. They should aim at achieving the maximum possible level of trade liberalization therefrom. We propose as our goal completion of the negotiations in 1977.

10 We look to an orderly and fruitful increase in our economic relations with socialist countries as an important element in progress in detente, and in world economic growth.

We will also intensify our efforts to achieve a prompt conclusion of the negotiations now under way concerning export credits.

11 With regard to monetary problems, we affirm our intention to work for greater stability. This involves efforts to restore greater stability in underlying economic and financial conditions in the world economy. At the same time, our monetary authorities will act to counter disorderly market conditions, or erratic fluctuations, in exchange rates.

We welcome the rapprochement reached at the request of many other countries, between the views of the United States and France on the need for stability that the reform of the international monetary system must promote. This rapprochement will facilitate agreement through the IMF at the next session of the interim committee in Jamaica on the outstanding issues of international monetary reform.

12 A cooperative relationship and improved understanding between the developing nations and the industrial world is fundamental to the prosperity of each. Sustained growth in our economies is necessary to growth in developing countries, and their growth contributes significantly to health in our own economies.

The present large deficits in the current accounts of the developing countries represent a critical problem for them and also for the rest of the world. This must be dealt with in a number of complementary ways. Recent proposals in several international meetings have already improved the atmosphere of the discussion between developed and developing countries. But early practical action is needed to assist the developing countries.

Accordingly, we will play our part, through the IMF and other appropriate international fora, in making urgent improvements in international arrangements for the stabilization of the export earnings of developing countries and in measures to assist them in financing their deficits. In this context priority should be given to the poorest developing countries.

13. World economic growth is clearly linked to the increasing availability of energy sources. We are determined to secure for our economies the energy sources needed for their growth. Our common interests require that we continue to cooperate in order to reduce our dependence on imported energy through conservation and the development of alternative sources. Through these measures as well as international cooperation between producer and consumer countries responding to long-term interest of both, we shall spare no effort in order to ensure more balanced conditions and a harmonious and steady development in the world energy market.

14. We welcome the convening of the conference on international economic cooperation scheduled for December 16. We will conduct this dialogue in a positive spirit to assure that the interests of all concerned are protected and advanced. We believe that industrialized and developing countries alike have a critical stake in the future success of the world economy and in the cooperative political relationships on which it must be based.

15. We intend to intensify our cooperation on all these problems in the framework of existing institutions, as well as in all the relevant international organizations.—Reuter.

differences hold up e of New York

vn Correspondent
ov 17
complete the plan
New York from
troubles have been
a result of party
in Albany, the
ew York state. Mr
, the Governor, has
sals for an array of
nd cuts in the state
t these are being
the Republicans,
the state Senate.
y has argued that

the measures he proposes are necessary in order to persuade President Ford to drop his opposition to federal assistance for New York. The Republicans, on the other hand, say that they want to be sure of federal assistance before they agree to any such stringent measures.

The immediate pressure has been eased as a result of last week's decision to adopt a moratorium on the repayment of the principal of city notes.

Mrs Moore fit for trial on Ford charge

From Peter Strafford
New York, Nov 17

Mrs Sara Jane Moore, who is accused of trying to assassinate President Ford in San Francisco on September 22, was today found competent to stand trial. The ruling was made by Judge Samuel Conti after Mrs Moore had undergone about seven weeks of testing at a psychiatric centre in San Diego.

She is accused of having shot at Mr Ford as he left the St Francis hotel in San Francisco. It was the second incident of the sort in one month, coming less than three weeks after a similar one in Sacramento, after which Miss Lynette Fromme was charged with trying to assassinate Mr Ford. Miss Fromme's trial has already begun in Sacramento.

Before making his ruling on Mrs Moore, Judge Conti heard evidence from two psychiatrists, both of whom told him that she met the criteria set by the United States Supreme Court on competency to stand trial. Judge Conti also asked whether they considered Mrs Moore had the ability to confer with her lawyer with a reasonable amount of rationality, and was told she did.

Dr Robert Eardley, one of the psychiatrists, was also questioned by Mr James Hewitt, the lawyer appointed to defend Mrs Moore. He conceded that she had experienced periods in the past of emotional turmoil and that, if she came under stress, she might have difficulties.

Mrs Moore is a former informer for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other official agencies. The trial date has been set for December 15, but may be postponed if Judge Conti agrees to take account of the time she spent under psychiatric investigation.

Japanese Premier's attacker jailed

Tokyo, Nov 17.—Hiroyoshi Fudeyasu, a member of an extreme right-wing group, was jailed for two years by a Tokyo court today for assaulting Mr Takeo Miki, the Prime Minister, at the funeral of Mr Eisaku Sato, the former Prime Minister, in June.—Reuter.

Congressmen sue two Cabinet officers

Washington, Nov 17

In a further action against members of President Ford's Cabinet, 25 Congressmen today sued Mr Rogers Morton, the Commerce Secretary, and Mr Thomas Kleppe, the Secretary of the Interior, in connexion with the Arab boycott of Israel.

Their suit seeks an order restraining the two officers and their departments from promoting trade between American firms and Arab nations which have blacklisted companies trading with Israel.

They also seek an end to alleged American Government cooperation with the Arab boycott by selecting firms for Government projects in the Middle East.

Athens march in tribute to Polytechnic dead

From Our Correspondent
Athens, Nov 17

Hundreds of thousands took part in a march to the American Embassy in Athens tonight to mark the second anniversary of the Polytechnic uprising in 1973, which acted as a catalyst for the downfall of the military dictatorship.

The demonstration assumed special significance this year as it coincided with the trial of 30 junta men charged in connexion with the massacre that came after the revolt.

Mrs Ioana Tsatsos, the wife of the President of the Republic, and the Minister of Education were among those who laid wreaths in tribute to the Polytechnic dead.

The march, which culminated the three-day celebrations, set out from the Polytechnic. There was a sea of red banners and the dominant slogans were anti-American. "Out with the Americans", the marchers shouted, "Down with the death bases", and "Get out of Nato for good."

The choice of the United States Embassy as the terminal for the march was mystifying. Although the Americans are blamed for almost anything related to the dictatorship, no one ever suggested that they had had any connexion with the events at the Polytechnic.

It was clear that the Communists were trying to monopolize the anniversary.

We go to greater lengths than other people

At Mercedes-Benz we go an unusually long way to accommodate your loads. As illustrated by our range of factory-built vans.

We offer a choice of 5 wheelbases. With load-spaces that stretch from 9 to a full 16 feet long.

On top of that, there's up to 3 roof heights. One of which leaves six-footers standing.

Plus a total of 7 gross vehicle weights. From 2.8 to 6.4 tons.

In all, there are over 40 models. With capacities to carry loads from 226 to 565 cubic feet.

Farther on a gallon. Further in life.

Quality construction and precise engineering form our commercials' way of life.

It means more miles per gallon. And more reliable years per truck.

In most cases, our lighter vans deliver 30 mpg with no trouble.

Proportionately, our heavier vehicles aren't any heavier on fuel.

Most return 25% extra miles per gallon.

Extra too, are the additional working miles a Mercedes lasts.

There's nothing unusual about our heavies clocking up 500,000 over 9 years. Or even a million. Without so much as a major breakdown.

No need to be loaded.

To start with, most Mercedes models cost little more than ordinary commercials.

And in the long run, with all their extras and advantages, they work out a lot cheaper.

To discover just how little more and just how much cheaper, just fill in the coupon.

Mercedes-Benz. The way every truck should be built.

Mercedes-Benz (United Kingdom) Ltd.,
Commercial Products Division, Great West Road,
Brentford, Middx. TW8 9AA. Tel: 01-560 2151. Telex: 24230.
Please send me details of Mercedes-Benz transporters.
Name
Company
Address
Business Tel:



Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and

Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls.

GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

Appointments Vacant also on page 25

Business to Business

READERS are recommended to take appropriate professional advice before entering obligations.

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

CENTRAIS ELETRICAS DO SUL DO BRASIL S.A.—ELETROSUL

(Subsidiary of ELETROBRAS)

SALTO SANTIAGO HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT PRE-QUALIFICATION NOTICE TO SUPPLIERS OF SPILLWAY GATES, GUIDES AND HOISTS

Centrais Elétricas do Sul do Brasil S.A.—ELETROSUL will invite bids from qualified manufacturers (selected by means of the Pre-Qualification to which this notice refers) for the design, manufacture, supply and erection supervision of the following equipment for the above-mentioned Project, situated on the Iguaçu River, State of Paraná, Brazil:

—eight (8) sets of Tainter Gates of dimensions 15.3 × 20.0m each, including the gates themselves, trunnions, inverts and guides;
—eight (8) sets of operating hoists, including lifting cables and control panels;
—eight (8) sets of stoplog guides and sill beams;
—one (1) set of stoplogs.

For the payment of the above equipment, ELETROSUL expects to have available funds from the Interamerican Development Bank—IDB through financing which is now being negotiated.

Participation in the present Pre-Qualification will be limited to manufacturers with headquarters in member countries of the Inter-american Development Bank and/or countries considered eligible by the financing agency.

The "Instructions for Pre-Qualification Proposals" will be available to the applicants until December 16, 1975, at the following address:

CENTRAIS ELETRICAS DO SUL DO BRASIL S.A.—ELETROSUL
DEPARTAMENTO DE SUPRIMENTOS
Rua da Alfândega, 80-2º andar
20.000—Rio de Janeiro—RJ
Telex: 02122971
Brazil

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

CENTRAIS ELÉTRICAS DO SUL DO BRASIL S.A.-ELETROSUL

(Subsidiary of ELETROBRAS)

SALTO SANTIAGO HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

Pre-Qualification Notice to Suppliers of Bridge and Gantry Cranes

Centrais Elétricas do Sul do Brasil S.A.—ELETROSUL will invite bids from qualified manufacturers (selected by means of the Pre-Qualification to which this notice refers) for the design, manufacture, supply and erection supervision of the following equipment for the above-mentioned Project, situated on the Iguaçu River, State of Paraná, Brazil:

— three (3) Bridge Cranes of 200 tons each for the Powerhouse, complete with rails, accessories and electric buses;
— one (1) Gantry Crane of 125 tons for the Power Intake with rails and accessories;
— one (1) Gantry Crane of 25 tons for handling the draft tube gates, with rails and accessories;
— one (1) Gantry Crane of 60 tons.

For the payment of the above equipment, ELETROSUL expects to have available funds from the Interamerican Development Bank—IDB through financing which is now being negotiated.

Participation in the present Pre-Qualification will be limited to manufacturers with headquarters in members countries of the Inter-american Development Bank and/or countries considered eligible by the financing agency.

The "Instructions for Pre-Qualification Proposals" will be available to the applicants until December 12, 1975, at the following address:

CENTRAIS ELETRICAS DO SUL DO BRASIL S.A.—ELETROSUL
DEPARTAMENTO DE SUPRIMENTOS
Rua da Alfândega, 80-2° andar
20.000—Rio de Janeiro—R.J.
Telex 02122971
Brazil

GENERAL VACANCIES

THE SPASTICS SOCIETY

REQUIRES A

HOLIDAYS OFFICER

This is a responsible and demanding post, in our Recreational Services Department, calling for first class administrative ability and leadership qualities. The work is concerned with the painstaking detailed planning of group holidays for the handicapped. Applicants must be able to relate and get on well with handicapped people. Based at Head Office, the Holidays Officer must also be willing to travel when necessary, to visit hotels, etc. and to accompany parties on holidays. Some weekend and overtime work involved.

ABILITY TO TYPE WOULD BE AN ADVANTAGE
PREFERRED AGE RANGE 25-50
SALARY NEGOTIABLE AROUND £5,400 PA
GOOD CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

Please apply with details of previous employment, etc. to:

Recruiting Officer
THE SPASTICS SOCIETY
12 Park Crescent, London W1N 4EQ

TRAINEE EXECUTIVE CONSULTANT

c. £2,800 in first year

As the largest U.K. Group of Employment Agencies for Professional staff, we wish to recruit two well educated young men, 20-28, who as TRAINEE EXECUTIVE CONSULTANTS will be involved in every aspect of the socially valuable task of finding people jobs. The job is located in S.W.1.

The work offers involvement, responsibility and reward to £5,000 in second year.

If you consider you would enjoy contact with people in a vigorous entrepreneurial environment, please ring:

01-588 1031
ACCOUNTANCY PERSONNEL LIMITED
65 MOORGATE, LONDON, E.C.2

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

Commercial Conveyancing

LINKLATERS & PAINES

We are looking for several Solicitors to help us with a heavy volume of interesting and varied conveyancing and property work. Our salary rates are generous and working conditions are of a high standard. We are seeking men and women of all ranges of experience and would not wish to exclude Legal Executives from available opportunities. Salaries to successful applicants will, of course, reflect the experience and ability of each individual. Please write with full details of education and experience to

Linklaters & Paines (Ref. BPM),
Barrington House,
59-67 Gresham Street,
London EC2V 7JA.

GENERAL VACANCIES

LOCAL GROUPS CO-ORDINATOR

The job demands substantial commitment in running and co-ordinating local groups, appeals to provide facilities urgently required by Britain's needy elderly, but offers a stimulating degree of job satisfaction. Swift expansion of these activities is taking place; and scope for future development is extensive. A further function is to assist the Director in creating new voluntary local groups.

Consequently, your personal qualities must combine administrative ability with imagination. An ideal background will include public relations, fund raising, sales, marketing or committee work, and minimum age will probably be 27.

Benefits include an attractive negotiable salary, car or car allowance, pension and life assurance. If you believe you could succeed in this unique opportunity, please include career details in your letter to:

Frank Baker ITI
HELP THE AGED,
P.O. Box 3UR,
London, W1A 3UR

PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY

A research worker is required who is qualified in social science or psychology, preferably with a first or second class honours degree. The appointee will be part of a research group investigating the medico-social aspects of mental ill-health at the level of primary care in the community. The candidate should be able to work in a team. Preference will be given to a candidate able to assume some personal responsibility. Some knowledge of social statistics and or experience of field interviews desirable.

Salary is expected to be within the range £3,872-£4,688 including London Allowance. Starting salary according to qualifications and experience. For candidates with exceptional qualifications and experience a higher range may be considered.

Application forms and further details from the Secretary, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF, quoting reference MIS T.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

The University of Aston in Birmingham

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES

LECTURER

Applications are invited for the post of LECTURER IN GEOLOGY. Candidates should have research interests in metamorphic petrology and be experienced in both laboratory and fieldwork techniques.

The salary for the above post will be on the scale for lecturers, i.e. £2,862 to £4,374 per annum on a scale rising to £5,154 per annum. Threshold payment is included. These salaries are notional in that they will be subject to whatever cost of living increase becomes payable from 1 October 1975.

Further particulars and application forms, which should be returned by 15th December, 1975 may be obtained from the Staff Officer, the University of Aston in Birmingham, Gosta Green, Birmingham B4 7ET quoting Ref. No. 068/2.

University of Glasgow

LECTURESHIP IN MEDIAEVAL HISTORY

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in Mediaeval History. The initial salary placement will be within the range £2,454—£3,390 per annum of Lecturers' scale of £2,454—£6,135, under review. Placement according to qualifications and experience. Appropriate Superannuation Scheme will apply. In general, preference will be given to a candidate who is particularly interested in Mediaeval European History, but those whose advanced work is in British History should not hesitate to apply.

Further particulars may be had from the Secretary of the University Court (Room 18), the University, Glasgow, G12 8QQ, with whom applications (eight copies), should be lodged not later than 10th December, 1975. In reply please quote Ref. No. 3748/E.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Cambridge

PROFESSORSHIP OF BOTANY

DIXIE PROFESSORSHIP OF ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY

Applications are invited for the above Chairs which will become vacant on 1 October 1976: the Professorship of Botany by the retirement of Prof. P. W. Brian, the Dixie Professorship of Ecclesiastical History by the retirement of Rev. Prof. E. G. Rupp.

Present pensionable stipend £8,736, plus £83.32 threshold.

SLADE CHAIR OF FINE ART

Applications are invited for the Slade Professorship of Fine Art tenable from 1 October 1977 for a period not exceeding three years.

It will be the duty of the Professor to deliver annually in the University not fewer than twelve lectures and, optionally, classes on the History, Theory, and Practice of the Fine Arts, or of some section or sections of them.

The Professor is not required to reside in the University.

Present stipend £1,638 a year.

Applications (ten copies) marked "Confidential" should be sent to the Secretary General of the Faculties, General Board Office, The Old Schools, Cambridge, CB2 1TT. Names of two referees may be submitted if desired. Closing date: 17 December 1975.

Macquarie University

SYDNEY AUSTRALIA

SENIOR LECTURER/ LECTURER IN HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

Applications are invited for appointment as SENIOR LECTURER/LECTURER in the SCHOOL OF EARTH SCIENCES in the field of HUMAN GEOGRAPHY. Preference will be given to applicants with interests within the fields of urban and/or economic geography.

Salary will be within the range $A16,512 per annum with five annual increments to $A19,143 per annum for a Senior Lecturer and $A12,063 per annum with seven annual increments to $A16,143 per annum for a Lecturer.

Further information about the University and advice regarding the method of application should be obtained from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF, or from the Registrar, Macquarie University, North Ryde, New South Wales 2113, Australia.

Applications close on 5 December, 1975.

University of Salford

DIRECTORSHIP OF THE COMPUTING LABORATORY

Applications are invited for the position of Director of the Computing Laboratory.

The primary responsibility of the Director will be to further the development of the laboratory, which has responsibility for the provision of computing facilities in the University.

The main university computer is an ICL 1904S and the University has guaranteed access to other major computing facilities.

In appropriate circumstances, the title of Professor may be conferred upon the successful applicant.

Salary will be at least £7,501 plus £85.53 threshold payments, together with a cost of living award to be announced.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Registrar, University of Salford, Salford M5 4WT, to whom applications should be submitted by 19 December 1975. Please quote reference CL/3947.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

The University of Aston in Birmingham

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES

LECTURER

Applications are invited for the post of LECTURER IN GEOLOGY. Candidates should have research interests in metamorphic petrology and be experienced in both laboratory and fieldwork techniques.

The salary for the above post will be on the scale for lecturers, i.e. £2,862 to £4,374 per annum on a scale rising to £5,154 per annum. Threshold payment is included. These salaries are notional in that they will be subject to whatever cost of living increase becomes payable from 1 October 1975.

Further particulars and application forms, which should be returned by 15th December, 1975 may be obtained from the Staff Officer, the University of Aston in Birmingham, Gosta Green, Birmingham B4 7ET quoting Ref. No. 068/2.

University of Glasgow

LECTURESHIP IN MEDIAEVAL HISTORY

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in Mediaeval History. The initial salary placement will be within the range £2,454—£3,390 per annum of Lecturers' scale of £2,454—£6,135, under review. Placement according to qualifications and experience. Appropriate Superannuation Scheme will apply. In general, preference will be given to a candidate who is particularly interested in Mediaeval European History, but those whose advanced work is in British History should not hesitate to apply.

Further particulars may be had from the Secretary of the University Court (Room 18), the University, Glasgow, G12 8QQ, with whom applications (eight copies), should be lodged not later than 10th December, 1975. In reply please quote Ref. No. 3748/E.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

ASSISTANT LECTURESHIP IN ECONOMICS

Economist required to teach Economic Statistics and, if requested, Elementary Mathematics. Appointment for three years in first instance from 1 October, 1976.

Salary scale under review. Now from £2,982 a year, rising to £3,798 in four years (plus threshold supplement of £85.52). Starting point will depend on age and experience.

Further information from the Secretary, Faculty of Economics, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge CB2 9DD, to whom applications (nine copies), including a curriculum vitae and the names of not more than three referees, should be sent as soon as possible and in any case not later than 17 December, 1975.

Applicants should ask their referees to reply promptly when approached.

LINCOLN ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRUST SITE SUPERVISOR

Applications are invited for the above post from suitably qualified and experienced persons. Duties include the supervision of multi-period sites in the city and responsibility for the preparation of final excavation reports.

Salary AP 2/3/4
£2,529-£3,702

Further particulars from: The Administrator, Lincoln Archaeological Trust, Old City School, Monks Road, Lincoln, LN2 5HG.

KEBLE COLLEGE, OXFORD

The College proposes to elect a Chaplain Fellow, who will be expected to teach for the Honour School of Theology in the area of Christian doctrine. A University Lectureship will be associated with the Fellowship. It is hoped that the successful candidate will take up his appointment by October 1976.

Further particulars about the duties and emoluments of the Chaplain, who must be a priest in Anglican orders, can be obtained from the Warden, Keble College, Oxford, to whom application should be made before Saturday, 20th December 1975. Applicants should send a brief account of their careers and the names of three referees.

University of Oxford

CHAMBERS STUDENTSHIPS in English Literature

Open to Oxford graduates of good classical attainments who studied in an Honour School other than that of English Language and Literature; no age limit. Further particulars from Secretary of Faculties, University Offices, Wellington Square, Oxford OX1 2JD.

Closing date for applications, 31 January 1976.

Use this market place to recruit quality staff

RING
01-278 9161

AUSTRALIA

Applications are invited for the following posts, for which applications close on the dates shown. SALARIES (unless otherwise stated) are as follows: Professor $A24,394; Lecturer $A12,063-$A16,143; Associate Professor $A20,909. Further details, conditions of appointment for each post, method of application and application form, where applicable, may be obtained from the Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF.

University of Sydney

LECTURERS (TWO) IN ITALIAN

Preference to candidates with higher degrees, specialising in Medieval and Renaissance Drama and Literature.
15 December, 1975.

Macquarie University Sydney

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN EDUCATION

School of Education

The successful applicant will have a major responsibility for the co-ordination and teaching of courses in the area of Educational Psychology.
12 December, 1975.

University of Adelaide

LECTURER IN CIVIL ENGINEERING

Applicants should be prepared to commence duties in the first half of 1976, be qualified to teach undergraduate and postgraduate courses in solid mechanics, and to conduct research. The Department has a lecturing staff of 15 and offers excellent opportunities for theoretical and experimental research. Detailed information about facilities and current research is available from Professor Y. K. Cheung.
5 December, 1975.

LECTURER IN MUSIC

Applicants must have a wide knowledge of Western European music and music theory. Teaching duties include undergraduate tutoring and supervision of lecturing, supervision of honours and postgraduate students and the presentation of two projects related to Western European music. The Lecturer will be expected to specialise in some musicological, practical or creative field.
5 December, 1975.

Monash University Melbourne

PROFESSOR DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Faculty of Medicine

Applications are invited for appointment to a chair in the Department following the resignation of Professor B. S. Hetzel who has accepted appointment as Chief of the CSIRO Division of Human Nutrition.

The Department has teaching responsibilities throughout the six years of the medical course which includes the areas of medical sociology, demography, primary care, epidemiology, community health problems and health services. Postgraduate teaching is carried out at Master and Ph.D. levels.

Present research activities lie in the application of epidemiological techniques to the study of: the provision and evaluation of health services e.g. emergency medical services, community health centres, general practice; health behaviour and the social environment e.g. suicidal behaviour, alcoholism; special groups in the community e.g. aboriginals, migrants, students; other special areas e.g. medical education, road and occupational safety. They are carried out on a wide base including other disciplines such as sociology, economics, psychology and engineering as necessary.

Salary: $A28,394.

Enquiries of an academic nature to Professor Hetzel, Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, Monash Medical School, Alfred Hospital, Commercial Road, Prahran 3181, Australia.
20 December, 1975.

CHAIR OF MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS

Applications invited for a Chair in Mathematical Statistics in the Department of Mathematics which has seven chairs: three in pure mathematics, two in applied mathematics, two in mathematical statistics (one vacant). The statistics section provides major courses leading to degrees in mathematical statistics as well as service courses and a statistical consultation service to other university departments. In 1975 the section has twenty-two higher degree candidates and nine final honours year students. Staff for the department are seventy-nine graduate students and twenty-nine honours students. Preference will be given to applicants whose interests include the applications of statistics, especially to biological systems.

Enquiries may be addressed to the Chairman, Professor B. R. Morton, in the University, or to Professor P. D. Finch on leave at Department of Statistics and Computer Science, University College London, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT.
22 December, 1975.

VSO has more than 1,000 volunteers in 40 of the world's poorest countries, working in teaching, agricultural, technical or medical projects. The three staff appointments outlined below offer each in a different way an opportunity to make this aid as practical and effective as possible.

Head of Recruitment

a senior post to mastermind the year by year effort to get a sufficient flow of motivated and yet practical young people, some of them graduates, a growing number with specific trade or professional qualifications, to volunteer for VSO work overseas.

Technical Development Officer

to specialise in the recruitment, selection and preparation of volunteer engineers, tradesmen, etc., and to participate in judging appropriate situations to which they can be sent.

Regional Development Officer

(Pacific and Caribbean)—to liaise with volunteers in some of the islands of the Pacific and Caribbean; to contribute to decisions on which future jobs should be filled; and to supervise the practical arrangements for volunteer placements.

All these appointments will need flair and imagination, fluency both in speaking and in writing, and appropriate executive experience—preferably including a spell of work in one of the poorer countries of the world. There will be opportunities to tour overseas from time to time and, in principle, to transfer to field officer posts overseas at a later stage. Salaries negotiable depending on experience.

Further details from, and applications to, David Collar, Director, Voluntary Service Overseas, (Ref: DV) 14 Bishops Bridge Road, London W2. Tel: 01-262 2611

VSO Voluntary Service Overseas

University of Riyad

The University of Riyad is planning to erect pre-fabricated buildings for different purposes. This is an invitation for those companies who are specialists in this field.

Please send your catalogue etc. to the following address:-
Office of the Secretary General,
University of Riyad,
P.O. Box 2454, Riyadh,
Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia

REMOVALS & HAULAGE

Your wealth in danger? Threatening expropriation? Galloping inflation?

Swiss transports company (Ltd), specialised in all kinds of inter-state transactions, helps quickly and in a reliable and confidential manner.
We have at our disposal the most modern technical means, own airplanes, ships, etc., a long experience in transport of valuables of all kinds and a most qualified staff.
Proof of success and best references available. For first contact—absolute confidential handling guaranteed—please write to cipher 1005, MOSSE ANNONCEN Ltd. P.O. Box, CH-8023 Zurich.

EDUCATIONAL

Smallwood Manor
Denstone College
Preparatory School,
Uttoxeter, Staffs.
ENTRY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
Full particulars from Headmaster

EDUCATIONAL

G.C.E., DEGREE. Professional exams. Tuition by text, tape or correspondence. Write for free prospectus to Wolsey Hall, Oxford OX2 8PR. Tel. 0865 54551.

FREE SECRETARIAL TRAINING and Residence for 1 year offered to young woman aged 17-19 in connection with ... Must be interested in ... Apply Miss ... Secretary, The Times.

BUSINESS NOTICES

PROFIT IN COMMODITY TRADING

Successful private trader with an excellent profit record is willing to advise a few more for an extraordinary basis and be paid on results. Considerable experience If you have capital which you wish to increase rapidly in first instance write to Personal Solicitors

THORNE & CO.,
125 London Rd.,
Camberley, Surrey

EXPORT SALES ORGANIZATION

Setting up own brand operation requires products of proved export potential to complete their range. Principally engineering, in the construction and allied industries—will not consider others.
Reply initially with literature to Box 1455 S, The Times.

MIDDLE EAST — Creative Arab executive wishes to hear from concerns in P.R., advertising and trading, suitable offers and introductions in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf.—To arrange discussion please write Box 1436 S, The Times.

IBM ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS. Factory reconditioned and guaranteed by IBM. Buy, sell, exchange or hire.—Phone Verrey ...

£50,000 available for investment/development of property that offers ... Principals only please reply Box 1278 S, The Times.

GENTLEMAN, ...

TYPEWRITER CALCULATORS. ...

£500 GROSS WEEKLY PROFITS ...

ANGOLA. ...

BUSINESSES FOR SALE

SAND LIME BRICK PLANT FOR SALE ...

WELL-ESTABLISHED WAREHOUSING AND HAULAGE COMPANY ...

GENERAL JOBBING PRINTERS ...

ARTISTIC ...

IRON AND STEEL SCRAP ...

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

ADLER TYPEWRITERS. ...

BUSINESS SERVICES

DESIGN AND PRINT ...

LIMITED COMPANIES. ...

REJUVENATING ...

BUSINESS SERVICES

ROOFING, GUTTERING, waterproofing, repairs. Same day service. Tele cost—H.P. 7pw 0801.

TELEX SERVICE. Have a telex No. on your stationery. 01-194 7651. Reuters Ltd. TX.

YOUR TELEPHONE, we will answer it. Hillard 5011, British Monomarks.

PHONESALES LTD. for low-cost telephone sales, research & appointments.—Ring 01-629 8530 or Telex 25250 for brochure.

FINANCE & INVESTMENT

2 LOTS of backing needed to complete quality motion picture. For this Producer offers 50 per cent total investment. Many interested parties should completed project. Box 1757 S, The Times.

GENERAL VACANCIES

THE CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

needs Two Appeals Secretaries, one to cover Somerset, Gloucester, and Avon, and the other to cover Hampshire, Wiltshire, Dorset, and the Isle of Wight.

Applicants must be aged less than 35, and preferably under 30.

The appointments will commence in February, 1976. Interviewees to be held in London.

If you are interested in doing a really worthwhile job for this vital charity, please write to:

Lieut. Admiral Hugh Pughe Lloyd, CB, DSO, DFC, RN (Retd.)
CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN,
2 Carlton House Terrace,
London SW1Y 5AR.

A Trainee Broker "A" Levels £1,800

A young person (17-19) is required by a firm of International Stock Exchange based brokers for ... management training. Applicants should have ... and will go on ... professional study, ... excellent career ... in excellent ... Call Ian Sword ... for ... appointment ... 01-626 9147, ... ITA MANAGEMENT

HAMPSTEAD-BASED CHAUFFEUR

required for Rolls-Royce. Must be ... capable in all ... the director concerned ... a boundless ... very well ... for receiving ... Knowledge Central London. ... and good driver with ... Reference ... Aged 25-40. ... interested please phone Mrs ... Peache ... 2350 Times, and ... Hours ... after 7.30 p.m.

AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL PRACTICE

offers health ... for graduates ... in the positions in Sydney or ... Brisbane. Graduates interested ... in visiting ... to ... Australia, write to the London ... of Hadley Doctor Service, ... Bridges Wells ... George ... St. London W1H 0BD or telephone Judith Cooper (Public Relations Officer) ... 01-935 3311

APPEALS DIRECTOR required for ... international youth charity. Excellent ... salary with bonus incentive ... scheme, and long-term prospects ... Successful applicant is ... offered ... drive and energy and ... considerable ability at senior ... management level preferably ... in connection. Age 30 to 40 ... Previous fund-raising experience ... and essential but not ... Please write with full details of ... past qualifications, present salary ... and previous experience to the ... Director, The Prince's Trust, ... Buckingham Palace, London, SW1 ...

WELL EDUCATED young man ... will find a chance in good ... career. Initial GUARANTEED ... SUN APPOINTMENTS, 93 Fleet ... Street, E.C.4. 01-353 ... Representative ... for computer ... and ... in Scotland ... Apply letter to Dugg, Weekend ... Box ... Sunday ...

PUBLIC ... Lancashire SW1 ... requires ... Accountant ... Excellent ...

FULLY ... technician required for ... medium to large ... Laboratories, ... Nova Tyrol Industrial Estate, P.O. ... Box 4251, Dubai, United Arab ... Republic.

ENERGETIC RESIDENT ... required to assist with ... of ... tutorial college ... Cairns. Duties include ... magnificent ... near England. 05032 ...

INTEGRITY, ... initiative ... and a ... for young people ... are needed by Dundee School for ... the job of Tuck Shop Manager ... could start ... Excellent ... help ... with accommodation. Further details from E. Innes, Bursar, The ... Harris Academy, Dundee, Telephone ... 0382 ...

PUBLIC AND EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

QUALIFIED TUTOR REQUIRED for O level tuition, evenings and weekends, mainly for maths and science subjects at private residence in Richmond-Twickenham area. Salary negotiable — 01-940 ... day time, 892 0493 evenings.

NOTICE

All Advertisements are subject to the conditions of acceptance of Times Newspapers Limited, copies of which are available on request.

هكذا من الاصل

RSEAS

Nyerere may ask tain for stiffer ctions on Salisbury

aylor
t Nyerere, of Tan- expected to adopt an nising approach to for peace in southern ing talks in Britain

He arrives on a state visit today and a further two days of the Government. he told me recently Salaam that he had up his mind on ex- line he would take a during his visit, he lain that he foresaw utive to a guerrilla eans of forcing real- ations.

f he saw any scope h initiative, he said: because after all the as not been solved must be somebody esponsible for this Rhodesia is still a Britain and I am sure it will still one day ed an Act saying that is now independent." uld find it difficult, to advise Britain to nference because he elieve there was any ar direction.

ber last year it was believe that the new reated by the Portu- lapse, particularly in ue, could lead to a settlement in Rho- Vorster, the South rime Minister, seemed such a development ble and, as he was on of minority rule in southern Africa", it made sense for black Africa to pursue the same aim.

As these hopes would have meant achieving Rhodesian independence without shedding more blood, President Nyerere had thought it important to pursue them, but he did not think it possible to entertain them any longer.

Unless a real threat was posed, Mr Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, would cling to power and Mr Vorster would support him.

The posture of the South African government on détente was "not window-dressing". "I think Vorster is being very serious when he says he wants détente", he said. He wanted it, however, on condition "that we accept that all is well in South Africa; or if we do not accept that all is well, and I suppose Vorster is intelligent enough to realize Africa is not going to, at least that we agree to differ."

Dr Nyerere said he believed that black Africa did not know what to do about South Africa. "What the African understands is decolonization pure and simple", he said. "He thinks, if he can label South Africa a colony, we will have a ready made answer."

The radical Africans who saw South Africa in those terms were playing into South African hands. Pretoria wanted to treat its African problem as a colonial issue by granting independence to black homelands

Leading article, page 15

Fraser speech seen as anti-climax

Accusations against Whitlam Government misfire

From Our Correspondent
Melbourne, Nov 17

Mr Malcolm Fraser, Australia's caretaker Prime Minister, tonight accused the former Labour Government of concealing the extent of the country's economic shortcomings from Parliament. He forecast that the Budget deficit would be much greater than Mr Whitlam's Government had disclosed.

The consequences of Mr Fraser's tactics in announcing, some days ago that he was preparing to disclose economic facts that Labour had concealed seem likely to be considered misleading and will not enhance at this early stage the flagging condition of the Liberal and National Country parties' electoral campaign, since he came up with little not known already.

Nevertheless, taken at its face value and stripped of electioneering rhetoric, Mr Fraser did present a case for Labour to answer on its mismanagement of the national economy. Had he not promised the disclosure of sensational economic data hitherto suppressed, his speech could have been more useful.

He said that the 1975-76 Budget deficit would be about $A4,000m (about £2,469m) instead of the planned $A2,800m and that the rate of inflation in the December quarter would be about 5 per cent. He also asserted that unemployment would rise to more than 400,000 early next year.

Mr Fraser also said that no real recovery was possible under Labour's policies. "The recovery is a myth".

Later, Mr William Hayden, the former Treasurer, branded the allegations "a monumental anti-climax and further evidence of Fraser's penchant for making sensational allusions without any evidence to support his claims." Mr Whitlam was clearly delighted, telling an unexpectedly large and enthusiastic rally in suburban Melbourne that Mr Fraser had said nothing new.

Border raids blamed on Timorese guerrillas

Jakarta, Nov 17.—Three hundred troops of the Timorese Revolutionary Front (Fretilin) raided two villages in Indonesian Timor last Friday, driving thousands of people out of their homes, the semi-official Antara news agency reported today.

The two villages, Hasmeten and Takirin, are about five miles inside the Indonesian border, the report said. It added that three wounded villagers had been taken to hospital in Atambua, the chief administrative centre for the border area.

In Medan, Sumatra, Mr Adam Malik, the Indonesian Foreign Minister, confirmed his plans to meet leaders of the pro-Indonesian Apodeti and Democratic Union parties at a Portuguese-sponsored conference with Fretilin representatives. The date and site of the meeting remain undecided.

Originally, Mr Malik had intended to see the Apodeti and Democratic Union leaders last Wednesday, when it was hoped that the three-party conference could take place in Australia before November 20. Since then however, the Fretilin representative in Australia has left for Dili, Portuguese Timor, amid reports that Fretilin is split over the planned conference.

Dili, Nov 17.—Fretilin military commanders claimed that Indonesian regular troops retreated across the frontier after a Fretilin offensive on the town of Maliana on Thursday.

Albanian ministers in power struggle

Belgrade, Nov 17.—Big government changes have taken place in Albania, according to reports reaching Belgrade. The changes arise partly from failure by China, Albania's main ally, to maintain its investment in heavy industry, diplomatic sources say. There was no indication why funds from China had not come up to Albanian expectations.

Diplomats believe the changes are a clear indication of a struggle for the succession to Mr Enver Hoxha, the 67-year-old party leader.

Reports from visitors to Tirana, point to the first big reshuffle since the country broke with Moscow in 1961.

Sources say a draft for a sixth five-year plan, due to start in January, proposed diverting funds from agriculture and consumer goods to replace the missing Chinese funds for heavy industry. The draft has run into strong criticism, however, and its sponsors have fallen from power.

A second draft plan, less onerous for Albania's population of just more than two million, is being discussed.

Among the senior government figures quoted were: Mr Abdyl Kellezi, one of the four Deputy Prime Ministers and chairman of the planning commission; Mr Mioco Theodosi, Minister of Industry and Mining; and Mr Kico Ngjela, Minister of Trade. They were replaced by Mr Petro Dode, Mr Pali Miska and Mr Nedin Hoxha respectively.

Mr Kellezi and Mr Theodosi were members of the Politburo and had both held senior economic posts for some 20 years. The three men removed all occupied key positions relating to the five-year plan. On the other hand, Mr Firo Dodbiba, the Agriculture Minister, whose ministry had stood to lose under the first draft plan, remained his post.

The power struggle appears to have begun in July last year when Mr Beqir Balluku, the Defence Minister, was stripped of all his party, political and state posts. The Defence Ministry was taken over by Mr Mehmet Shehu, the Prime Minister.

It is not clear whether Mr Balluku's dismissal was linked directly with the latest changes, but in the intervening period there has been a campaign against "bureaucracy" in the Albanian press. Reports reaching Belgrade say that up to a quarter of the Albanian administration has been affected by the campaign.

Mr Shehu told Albanians recently to struggle harder against "Bureaucracy and liberalism" and be on their guard against enemy ideological pressures. Pointing to what he called the catastrophe of the Soviet Union, he said the spread of these social evils led to the creation of a new bourgeoisie with revisionist ideas.

Some diplomats in Belgrade believe a struggle is in progress which will determine whether the regime will abandon, at least partly, its policy of concentration on heavy industry at the expense of consumer goods.

Nepal ex-officer sentenced to die for rebellion

From Our Correspondent
Katmandu, Nov 17

Yagya Bahadur Thapa, a former Nepalese Army captain, was sentenced to death today after being found guilty of promoting armed rebellion with the intention of setting up his own government in Nepal's eastern districts of Okhaldunga, Solukhumbu and Dikzel.

Along with 17 others, including Bala Bahadur Rai and Sabardhan Rai, two members of the dissolved Parliament, he was arrested after an incident in Okhaldunga on December 16 in which 16 alleged rebels were killed by police in an armed encounter.

India concerned about its nationals in Bangladesh

Delhi, Nov 17.—The Indian Government today denied foreign press reports of clashes on its border with Bangladesh, but said that in an incident "of utmost gravity" a live grenade had been found in the grounds of the Indian High Commissioner's residence in Dacca.

In two sharply worded statements issued together, the Ministry of External Affairs said the foreign reports were "utterly false and mischievous", but emphasized that the safety of Indian nationals and property in Bangladesh remained "a matter of concern".

A spokesman said the press reports, which quoted Bangladesh officials as saying that Indian troops joined Bengali forces in attacking three border outposts, were "apparently conjured up by interested quarters to create misunderstanding and tension between India and Bangladesh".

The other statement said the grenade was found in time and detonated

It noted that previous Indian expressions of concern for foreign nationals in Bangladesh had been "misrepresented in certain sections of the foreign press as a preliminary to some kind of interventionist move by India".

nbia urged to review desia trade route ban

Correspondent
Nov 17

thur Wina, MP for e, has called on the Government to review on what he described onomic and efficient" the south through

a, a former Finance said in his constitu- night that Zambia view its policy on the l trade route to the ed early in 1973.

that Zambia had ful- commitments to the nal community, the ion of African Unity Commonwealth coun- the Rhodesian prob- had paid a high price lt.

oblem was now one for le of Zimbabwe (Rho- s the necessary help given to the national-

ent Kaunda, he went evoted an unexpectedly rt of his time to the n dispute with remark- lts, culminating in the Falls bridge talks be- e nationalists and the Government.

r as the people of re concerned, no one an accusing finger at ave done everything n the circumstances igh price."

as a landlocked coun- exploit all available the sea to enable it to manoeuvre economically and to reduce the chances of economic blackmail "like what was the case during the Rhodesian unilateral declaration of independence in 1965".

He went on: "By diversifying outlets the country will face less chances of exploitation at the points of entry for her goods, because she will have the choice of using alternative routes."

Meanwhile, it was disclosed that Zambia will continue paying old tariff rates for its goods passing through East African ports until an agreement has been reached with the East African Community to abolish the 10 to 15 per cent increase announced by the East African Harbours Corporation.

This was stated by Dr Sefelino Mulenga, the Zambian Minister of Power, Transport and Works, when he returned from Arusha, Tanzania, last night.

The minister said that Zambia had to abandon the southern routes because of its commitments to the liberation of southern Africa through sanctions and this was done on behalf of the United Nations, the Organization of African Unity and Africa as a whole.

"Therefore member states of the East African Community as members of the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity are enjoined by these resolutions to make a positive contribution by offering Zambia concessionary tariff rates on her imports and exports."

komo sees in talks Mr Smith

Salaam, Nov 17.—Mr omo, leader of a fac- Rhodesia's African Council (ANC), said expected to reach with Mr Ian Smith, Minister, within 10 e basis for renewed nal talks.

a press conference as a result of details ed out, full-scale con- talks could resume at oria Falls railway tween Zambia and Mr Nkomo came to to brief President his talks.

before leaving for Nkomo said that Mr himself, during meet- he past month, had way towards achiev- for staging a con- conference. "We w in 10 days or so e can move forward onference", he said. asized that the pre- of meetings were not cuss a constitution, find a basis to re- onstitutional confer-

onstitutional talks the Victoria Falls August but lasted 14 hours. Since then has split into rival e led by Mr Nkomo her by Bishop Abel and the Rev Ndaban- —Reuter.

Agreement on problems of unifying Vietnam

Saigon, Nov 17.—Delegations of North and South Vietnam have reached agreement on "the basic problems posed by reunification" of the two countries.

A press statement on the work of the opening session on Saturday, of the National Conference on the Reunification of Vietnam, mentioned the opening address by Mr Nguyen Huu Tho, the president of the National Liberation Front, and then gave a summary of reports by the heads of the two delegations, Mr Truong Chinh, president of the National Assembly in Hanoi, and Mr Pham Hung, representing the Lao Dong Party of Vietnam and speaking for the South.

The press statement did not give details on a "proposal" made by Mr Truong, nor did it specify whether he had suggested a time-table for reunification and general elections.

Universities in South Vietnam have officially reopened, Saigon radio reported today. It added that a ceremony to mark the beginning of the new academic year was held in Saigon yesterday

Mr Nguyen Huu Dung, a leading official at the Ministry of Education, said that the staff should be trained with the development of the country's socialist regime in mind.

lection victory for Coast leader

Nov 17.—President Boigny of Ivory eclected for another rm yesterday with 99 per cent of the Interior Ministry today. He was the ate.

same proportion of is received also by ididates for Parlia- embers of the Ivory ocratic Party, the the country.

spaper *Fraternité* mented: "Our mas- r President, expres- chment and fidelity ulation to its 'old confidence in the guide, and joy at remain at the tiller come."

Mr Arsène Usher Assouan, the Foreign Minister, defended the country's one party electoral system in an interview yesterday: "United Nations General Assembly candidates are always designated by concensus before me vote. . . . Why should a system that is suitable for an assembly representing more than 2,000 million people not be suitable for a country with 62 ethnic groups and five million inhabitants?"

The people had a choice, he said, because they could always express disapproval by abstaining.

In Yamoussoukro, Mr Houphouet-Boigny's birthplace, all the 22,380 registered voters cast ballots for him.—Agence France-Presse.

AUSTRALIA SR* £1.05 per min.	Direct Dialling Code
Adelaide	010 61 8
Albury	010 61 60
Brisbane	010 61 7
Cairns	010 61 70
Canberra	010 61 62
Dandenong	010 61 3
Dingwall	010 61 54
Geelong	010 61 52
Glenroy	010 61 87
Hamilton	010 61 55
Hermitage	010 61 02
Hobart	010 61 02
Kalgoorlie	010 61 90
Lismore	010 61 66
Mackay	010 61 79
Marysville	010 61 59
Melbourne	010 61 3
Murray Bridge	010 61 85
Newcastle	010 61 49
Orange	010 61 63
Perth	010 61 92
Portland	010 61 55
Port Lincoln	010 61 86
Rockhampton	010 61 79
Sydney	010 61 2
Townsville	010 61 77
Wagga Wagga	010 61 69
Williamstown	010 61 85
Woodbridge	010 61 02
Yarra	010 61 48

BELGIUM SR* 25p per min. CR† 19p per min.	
Aalst (Alost)	010 32 53
Antwerp	010 32 31
Arlon (Aarlen)	010 32 63
Blankenberge	010 32 50
Bruges	010 32 50
Brussels	010 32 2
Charleroi	010 32 71
Courtrai	010 32 56
Genk	010 32 11
Ghent	010 32 91
Leuven (Louvain)	010 32 16
Liege (Luik)	010 32 41
Mechelen (Malines)	010 32 15
Mons	010 32 65
Namur (Namen)	010 32 81
Ostend	010 32 59
Turnhout	010 32 14
Verviers	010 32 87
Waregem	010 32 56
Zeebrugge	010 32 50

CANADA SR* 75p per min. CR† 56p per min.	
Bathurst (NB)	010 1 506
Calgary (Alta)	010 1 403
Charlottetown (PEI)	010 1 902
Chicoutimi (Que)	010 1 418
Edmonton (Alta)	010 1 403
Fredericton (NB)	010 1 506
Halifax (NS)	010 1 902
Hamilton (Ont)	010 1 416
Kingston (Ont)	010 1 613
Kitchener (Ont)	010 1 519
London (Ont)	010 1 519
Montreal (Que)	010 1 514
Nelson (BC)	010 1 604
Oshawa (Ont)	010 1 416
Ottawa (Ont)	010 1 613
Pembroke (Ont)	010 1 613
Quebec (Que)	010 1 418
Regina (Sask)	010 1 306
St John (NB)	010 1 506
St John's (Nfld)	010 1 709
Sydney (NS)	010 1 902
Toronto (Ont)	010 1 416
Trois Rivieres (Que)	010 1 819
Vancouver (BC)	010 1 604
Victoria (BC)	010 1 604
Windsor (Ont)	010 1 519
Winnipeg (Man)	010 1 204

CYPRUS (from 17th November) SR* 45p per min. CR† 30p per min.	
Nicosia	010 357 21

DENMARK SR* 35p per min. CR† 22p per min.	
Aalborg	010 45 8
Arhus	010 45 6
Copenhagen*	010 45
Esbjerg	010 45 5
Grenaa	010 45 6
Helsingor	010 45 3
Herning	010 45 7
Horsens	010 45 5
Kalundborg	010 45 3
Kolding	010 45 5
Nordborg	010 45 4
Odense	010 45 9
Randers	010 45 6
Ringsted	010 45 3
Roskilde	010 45 3
Silkeborg	010 45 6
Skaelskor	010 45 3
Svendborg	010 45 9
Thyboron	010 45 7
Viborg	010 45 6

*Telephone numbers in Copenhagen can only be dialled direct if they consist of six figures.

FINLAND (from 17th November) SR* 35p per min. CR† 22p per min.	
Helsinki	010 358 0

FRANCE SR* 25p per min. CR† 19p per min. (inc. Andorra and Monaco)	
Amiens	010 33 22
Andorra	010 33 078
Antibes	010 33 93
Biarritz	010 33 59
Bordeaux	010 33 56
Boulogne	010 33 21
Brest	010 33 98
Calais	010 33 21
Cannes	010 33 93
Cherbourg	010 33 33
Clermont-Ferrand	010 33 73
Dieppe	010 33 35
Dijon	010 33 80
Le Havre	010 33 35
Lille	010 33 20
Lyons	010 33 78
Marseilles	010 33 91
Menton	010 33 93
Monaco	010 33 93
Monte Carlo	010 33 93
Montpellier	010 33 67
Nantes	010 33 40
Nice	010 33 93
Paris	010 33 1
Rouen	010 33 35
St Tropez	010 33 94
Strasbourg	010 33 88
Toulouse	010 33 61

GERMANY SR* 35p per min. CR† 22p per min.	
Aachen	010 49 241
Bad Godesberg	010 49 2221
Baden-Baden	010 49 7221
Berlin, West	010 49 30
Boblingen	010 49 7031
Bonn	010 49 2221
Bremen	010 49 421
Bremerhaven	010 49 471
Brunswick	010 49 531
Coblenz	010 49 261
Cologne	010 49 221
Darmstadt	010 49 6151
Detmold	010 49 5231
Dortmund	010 49 231
Duisburg	010 49 203
Dusseldorf	010 49 211
Emden	010 49 4921
Erlangen	010 49 9131
Essen	010 49 201
Frankfurt (Main)	010 49 611
Hamburg	010 49 40
Hanover	010 49 511
Heidelberg	010 49 6221
Karlsruhe	010 49 721
Kiel	010 49 431
Krefeld	010 49 2151
Kronberg (Taunus)	010 49 6173
Lübeck	010 49 451
Mainz	010 49 6131
Mannheim	010 49 621
Monchengladbach	010 49 2161
Munich	010 49 89
Munster (Westf.)	010 49 251
Nuremberg	010 49 911
Offenbach (Main)	010 49 611
Osnabruck	010 49 541
Pforzheim	010 49 7231
Remscheid	010 49 2191
Solingen	010 49 2122
Stuttgart	010 49 711
Ulm Donau	010 49 731
Viersen	010 49 2162
Wedel (Holst)	010 49 4103
Wiesbaden	010 49 6121
Wolfsburg	010 49 5361
Worms	010 49 6241
Wuppertal	010 49 202

GREECE SR* 45p per min. CR† 30p per min.	
Athens	010 30 21
Corfu	010 30 661
Delphi (Dhelphoi)	010 30 265
Larissa	010 30 41
Piraeus	010 30 21
Rodos	010 30 241
Thessaloniki	010 30 31

HONG KONG SR* £1.05 per min.	
Hong Kong	010 852 5
Kowloon	010 852 3
Lamma	010 852 5
Ma Wan	010 852 5

ISRAEL SR* £1.05 per min. CR† 75p per min.	
Acre	010 972 4
Amir	010 972 67
Bet Yosef	010 972 65
Hadera	010 972 63
Haifa	010 972 4
Jaffa	010 972 3
Jerusalem	010 972 2
Lod	010 972 3
Metlot	010 972 57
Nazareth	010 972 65
Netanya	010 972 53
Reina	010 972 65
Rogelit	010 972 2
Shomera	010 972 4
Tel Aviv	010 972 3
Tiberias	010 972 67
Yagur	010 972 4

ITALY SR* 35p per min. CR† 22p per min. (inc. San Marino)	
Bologna	010 39 51
Brescia	010 39 30
Cagliari	010 39 70
Capri	010 39 81
Caserta	010 39 823
Catania	010 39 95
Como	010 39 31
Florence	010 39 55
Genoa	010 39 10
Ischia	010 39 81
La Spezia	010 39 187
Legnano	010 39 331
Livorno	010 39 586
Messina	010 39 90
Mestre	010 39 41
Milan	010 39 2
Modena	010 39 59
Monza	010 39 39
Naples	010 39 81
Padua	010 39 49
Palermo	010 39 91
Parma	010 39 521
Perugia	010 39 75
Pesaro	010 39 721
Pescara	010 39 85
Piacenza	010 39 523
Pisa	010 39 50
Prato	010 39 574
Reggio Emilia	010 39 522
Rimini	010 39 541
Rome	010 39 6
Salerno	010 39 89
San Marino	010 39 541
San Remo	010 39 184
Sorrento	010 39 81
Torre del Greco	010 39 81
Treviso	010 39 422
Trieste	010 39 40
Turin	010 39 11
Udine	010 39 432
Varese	010 39 332
Venice	010 39 41
Verona	010 39 45

LUXEMBOURG SR* 25p per min. CR† 19p per min.	
Luxembourg	010 352

NETHERLANDS SR* 25p per min. CR† 19p per min.	
Aalsmeer	010 31 2977
Alkmaar	010 31 72
Amersfoort	010 31 33
Amsterdam	010 31 20
Arnhem	010 31 85
Boskoop	010 31 1727
Breda	010 31 76
Bussum	010 31 2159
Den Helder	010 31 2230
Delft	010 31 15
Dordrecht	010 31 78
Eindhoven	010 31 40
Gouda	010 31 1820
Groningen	010 31 50
Haarlem	010 31 23
The Hague	010 31 70
Hilversum	010 31 2150
Hook of Holland	010 31 1747
Leiden	010 31 71
Nijmegen	010 31 80
Rotterdam	010 31 10
Tilburg	010 31 13
Utrecht	010 31 30
Wassenaar	010 31 1751
Zoandam	010 31 75
Zeist	010 31 3404
Zwolle	010 31 5200

NEW ZEALAND SR* £1.05 per min.	
Albany	010 64 9955
Auckland	010 64 9
Beachlands	010 64 9958
Blairlogie	010 64 5933
Cambridge	010 64 7127
Gisborne	010 64 79
Hamilton	010 64 71
Hastings	010 64 70
Manurewa	010 64 929
Napier	010 64 70
New Plymouth	010 64 67
Oakleigh	010 64 8922
Palmerston North	010 64 63
Papakura	010 64 929
Tologa Bay	010 64 7926
Waitara	010 64 674
Wellington	010 64 4

NORWAY SR* 35p per min. CR† 22p per min.	
Bergen	010 47 5
Kristiansand S	010 47 42
Kristiansund N	010 47 73
Larvik	010 47 34
Oslo	010 47 2
Sandefjord	010 47 33
Sarpsborg	010 47 31
Stavanger	010 47 45
Tonsberg	010 47 33
Tromso	010 47 83
Trondheim	010 47 75

SINGAPORE SR* £1.05 per min.	
Singapore	010 65

SOUTH AFRICA SR* £1.05 per min. CR† 75p per min.	
Bloemfontein	010 27 51
Capetown	010 27 21
Durban	010 27 31
East London	010 27 431
Germiston	010 27 11
Johannesburg	010 27 11
Kimberley	010 27 531
Pietermaritzburg	010 27 331
Port Elizabeth	010 27 41
Simonstown	010 27 21
Wentworth	010 27 31
Wynberg	010 27 21

SPAIN SR* 35p per min. CR† 22p per min.	
Barcelona	010 34 3
Benidorm	010 34 65
Bilbao	010 34 44
Granada	010 34 58
Lloret de Mar	010 34 72
Madrid	010 34 1
Malaga	010 34 52
Palma (Majorca)	010 34 71
Santa Cruz (Tenerife	010 34 22
Seville	010 34 54
Torremolinos	010 34 52
Valencia	010 34 6

SWEDEN SR* 35p per min. CR† 22p per min.	
Gothenburg (Goteborg)	010 46 31
Halmstad	010 46 35
Kristianstad	010 46 44
Linkoping	010 46 13
Lund	010 46 46
Malmo	010 46 40
Stockholm	010 46 8
Sundsvall	010 46 60
Uppsala	010 46 18
Vasteras	010 46 21

SWITZERLAND SR* 35p per min. CR† 22p per min. (inc. Liechtenstein)	
Basle	010 41 61
Berne	010 41 31
Geneva	010 41 22
Interlaken	010 41 36
Klosters	010 41 83
Lausanne	010 41 21
Lucerne	010 41 41
Lugano	010 41 91
St Moritz	010 41 82
Vaduz (Liechtenstein)	010 41 75
Zermat	010 41 28
Zurich	010 41 1

USA SR* 75p per min. CR† 56p per min.	
Albany (NY)	010 1 518
Atlantic City (NJ)	010 1 609
Baltimore (Md)	010 1 301
Boston (Mass)	010 1 617
Buffalo (NY)	010 1 716
Chicago (Ill)	010 1 312
Cincinnati (Ohio)	010 1 513
Cleveland (Ohio)	010 1 216
Columbus (Ohio)	010 1 614
Dallas (Tex)	010 1 214
Denver (Colo)	010 1 303
Detroit (Mich)	010 1 313
Fort Worth (Tex)	010 1 817
Houston (Tex)	010 1 713
Indianapolis (Ind)	010 1 317
Jacksonville (Fla)	010 1 904
Jersey City (NJ)	010 1 201
Kansas City (Kan)	010 1 913
Kansas City (Mo)	010 1 816
Las Vegas (Nev)	010 1 702
Los Angeles (Calif)	010 1 213
Miami (Fla)	010 1 305
Milwaukee (Wis)	010 1 414
Nashville (Tenn)	010 1 615
New Orleans (La)	010 1 504
New York City (NY)	010 1 212
Philadelphia (Pa)	010 1 215
Phoenix (Ariz)	010 1 602
Pittsburgh (Pa)	010 1 412
Richmond (Va)	010 1 804
Sacramento (Calif)	010 1 916
Salt Lake City (Utah)	010 1 801
San Francisco (Calif)	010 1 415
San Jose (Calif)	010 1 408
Seattle (Wash)	010 1 206
Springfield (Ill)	010 1 217
Toledo (Ohio)	010 1 419
Washington (DC)	010 1 202
White Plains (NY)	010 1 914

INTERNATIONAL DIRECT DIALLING. THE WORLD AT YOUR FINGER TIPS.



Post Office Telecommunications

*SR Standard Rate. †CR Cheap Rate. Calls are charged in units of 3p. The charges shown give the approximate cost per minute to the nearest penny, exclusive of VAT, and do not apply to coin box calls.
Cheap rate, where applicable, operates between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m., Mon.–Fri., and all day Sat.–Sun. About 60% of telephones are already equipped for International Direct Dialling. Most of the above codes are in your dialling code booklet.
Many more places in the countries shown can be dialled direct. For a more comprehensive list for any particular country, dial 100 and ask for Freefone 2013.

Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls.

GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

ENTERTAINMENTS

When telephoning use prefix 01 only outside London Metropolitan Area

OPERA AND BALLET

COVENT GARDEN 240 1066
THE ROYAL OPERA
Tonight 7 Carmen. Tomor. & Sat. 7.30 Un ballo in maschera. Thur. & Mon. 7 Der Rosenkavalier. Seats available Tomor., Sat. & Mon.
THE ROYAL BALLET
Fri. 7.30 Swan Lake. Sat. 3 Four Schumann Pieces. The Two Pigeons. Seats available Sat.

COLISEUM. (01-836 3161)
ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA
Tonight & Thur. 7.30 La Boheme: Tomor. 7.30 The Merry Widow: Fri. 7.30 The Makropulos Case: Sat. 7.30 The Italian Girl in Algiers.

SADLER'S WELLS TH., Rosebery Ave., EC1. 837 1672 (Recorded bkg. inf.: 278 5450) 5 Week Season to Dec. 13. LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE Evenings at 7.30. Tonight: Still Life, Da Capo al Fine, Headlong, Class. Tomor.: Stabat Mater, Diary, Vesalii Icones.

CONCERTS

AUTUMN AT SNAPE MALTINGS
Sunday, 23rd November, 3 p.m. ORCHESTRAL CONCERT
Snape Maltings String Orchestra
Cond.: Cecil Aronowitz
Saturday, 20th December, 8 p.m. PIANO RECITAL—FOU T'SONG
Chopin, Schubert, Debussy
Booking now: Festival Office
Tel.: 072 885 2935

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL tonight 7.45. JUILLIARD QUARTET. Beethoven Cycle. Quartets in A Op. 18-5 in F Op. 59/1 (Rasumovsky), in C sharp minor, Op. 131. Also Nov. 23, 25, 30, Dec. 7.

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL Tomorrow 7.45. LONDON MOZART PLAYERS. Yuval Zaliouk, Howard Shelley, Michael Laird, Jack Rothstein. Works by Beethoven, Shostakovich, Schumann, Schubert.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC
Prince Consort Road, S.W.7
Tuesday, 18th November at 7.30 p.m. WIND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Vienna Philharmonic Fanfare — Strauss
Serenade for 13 Wind Instruments, K.361 — Mozart
Symphonie Funèbre et Triomphale — Berlioz
Conductor—Philip Cannon

THEATRES

ADELPHI THEATRE. 01-836 7611 Evgs. 7.30. Mat. Thur., Sat. 3.0. JEAN SIMMONS ANGELA BADDELEY JOSS ACKLAND in
A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC
"Music that ravishes the senses a show kissed with genius."—Guardian.

ALBERY. 836 3878 Prevs. tonight & tomor. at 8. Opens Thur. at 7. Fri. at 8, Sat. at 3 & 8.15.
DOROTHY TUTIN TIMOTHY WEST DEREK JACOBI JOHN TURNER
A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY
Rep. Season includes: ROOM WITH A VIEW. Prevs. from Tue. next at 8.

ALDWYCH. 836 6404. Inf. 836 5332 (Royal Shakespeare Company). Evgs. 7.30, mat. Wed. & Sat. 2.30. MUST END NOV. 29
Bernard Shaw's
TOO TRUE TO BE GOOD
"JUDI DENCH . . . is richly funny." GUARDIAN. "IAN McKELLEN rises to supreme heights." SUNDAY TIMES. Commencing December 2 for 5-week season: THE RETURN OF A. J. RAFFLES—a new comedy by Graham Greene. BOOK NOW.

AMBASSADOR'S 836 1171/3212 Evgs. 8.0 Sat. 5.30, 8.30. Tu. 2.30.
HAPPY AS A SANDBAG
New Hit Musical by Ken Lee. "Delightful. Don't Miss it." D. Exp.

ARTS THEATRE CLUB. 836 2132 Great Newport St. (adj.) Leics. Sq. Underground. Instant temp. membership avail. 15p. Eves. Tues. to Sunday at 8. ANNIE ROSS, MIRIAM MARGOLYES
KENNEDY'S CHILDREN
"A blockbuster." C. Barnes. NY Tms.

CAMBRIDGE THEATRE. 836 6056 Michael DENISON. Derek GRIFFITHS
THE BLACK MIKADO
"The best musical of 1975." S Times. Evenings 8.0: Wed., Sat. 5.0 & 8.15.

CASINO. 437 6877. Opens Dec. 18.
DANNY LA RUE
in New family Xmas Show
QUEEN DANNIELLA

COMEDY. 930 2578. Evs. 8, Sats. at 5.30 & 8.30. Mats. Thurs. 3
FRANCIS MATTHEWS LEIGH LAWSON AMANDA BARRIE
A TOUCH OF SPRING
Directed by Allan Davis.
"THIS JOYOUS COMEDY." Ev. News.

CRITERION. 930 3216. Plc. Circus. Evgs. 8.15. Mat. Thu. & Sat. 5.00. Season extended. ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD
"Tom Stoppard's superb comedy." FT.

DRURY LANE. 01-836 8108 Eves. 7.30. Mat. Wed., Sat. 2.30
MICHAEL CRAWFORD IN BILLY
A NEW MUSICAL
"MICHAEL CRAWFORD—A WHOPPING, WONDERFUL STAGE STAR." News of the World. "HE AND HIS SHOW ARE A TREAT." S. Express.

DUCHESS. 836 8243 Evenings 8.0. Fri., Sat. 6.15, 9.0.
OH! CALCUTTA!
NOW IN ITS 6TH YEAR
"Breathtakingly beautiful."—S. Tel. "The nudity is stunning."—D. Tel.

DUKE OF YORK'S. 836 5122. Evs. 8 Sats. 5 & 8. Mats. Thurs. at 3: LESLIE PHILLIPS ROY KINNEAR
"TWO OF THE FUNNIEST MEN ON THE BRITISH STAGE . . . LAUGHS COME THICK & FAST."
ROGER'S LAST STAND

DUKE OF YORK'S 01-836 5123 Richard Goolden. Ian Talbot in
TOAD OF TOAD HALL
Mats. Dec. 22-Jan. 17. Book now.

FORTUNE. 836 2238. Evenings 8.00. Friday & Sat. 6.30 & 9.0
FROM AMERICA
THE CHARLES PIERCE SHOW
Devastatingly funny.—Daily Mirror. Fasten your seat belts for a wildly bumpy night.—Tinker, Daily Mail.

GARRICK. 836 4601. Evenings 8.15 Mat. Wed. 3.0. Sat. 5.0 & 8.40 RICHARD BRIERS "Marvellous"—Gdn
ABSENT FRIENDS
"ALAN AYCKBOURN'S FINEST FUNNIEST PLAY."—Harold Hobson.

GLOBE THEATRE 437 1592
BEST PLAY OF THE YEAR
Evening Standard Drama Award
RONALD PICKUP in
THE NORMAN CONQUESTS
by ALAN AYCKBOURN
TABLE MANNERS Tomor. & Th. 8.15, Sat. 8.30: LIVING TOGETHER Tomor 3.0. Fri., Mon. 8.15: R'ND & R'ND THE GARDEN Tomor. 8.15, Sat. 5.30.

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. Evenings 8.0. Mat. Sat. 2.30 Noel Coward's FALLEN ANGELS

GREENWICH THEATRE. 01-858 7755. Booking now for Dec. 26-Jan. 3. CAMELOT PIE XMAS SHOW

GREENWOOD, London Bridge 407 0592 Evenings 8.0, Sat. 5.0 & 8.0. Seats £2.00, £1.50, 80p
A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

HAMPSTEAD. 722 9301. Evgs. 8, Sat. Mat. 5. Brecht's A MAN'S A MAN. "Thoroughly entertaining." F. Times. "REMARKABLE." E. Std.

HAYMARKET. 930 9832. Evgs. at 8. Sats. 5 & 8.15. Mat. Wed. 2.30 "HERBERT LOM TRIUMPHS" E News NIGEL STOCK in
BETZI
"William Douglas Home is one of the wittiest writers in the country. ENCHANTING ENTERTAINMENT." S Tms

HER MAJESTY'S. 930 6606. Reduced pr. Prev. Ton't 8. Opens Tomor. at 7. Subs. Evs. 8. Sats. 5.45, 8.30.
HAPPINESS IS AN AFRICAN MUSICAL CALLED
IPI TOMBI

KING'S HEAD. 226 1916. Evgs. 8.0 (Dinner 7 £1.85). Sheila Hancock & Hugh Paddick in PLAY BY PLAY by Robert Patrick.

KING'S ROAD THEATRE. 352 7488. Mon. to Th. 9.0. Fri., Sat. 7.30, 9.30
THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW
"BEST MUSICAL OF THE YEAR"—Evening Standard Drama Award

LITTLE ANGEL MARIONETTE THEATRE
14 Dagmar Passage, N.1 01-226 1787
Sat. Nov. 15, 11 a.m. THE CLOWNS STORY, 3 p.m. NOAH.
Sun. Nov. 16th, 3 p.m. NOAH

LYRIC. 01-437 3686 Evenings 8.0. Mat. Wed. 3.0. Sat. 5.0 & 8.30 JOAN PLOWRIGHT, HELEN MIRREN, PETER McENERY, JOHN MOFFATT, FRANK GRIMES in ANTON CHEKOV'S
THE SEA GULL
Directed by LINDSAY ANDERSON "A masterpiece. Sensitive." D. Mail

MAYFAIR THEATRE. 01-629 3036 Evenings 8.15. Sat. 5.30 & 8.40 Billie WHITELAW, Barbara FERRIS and Dinsdale LANDEN in
ALPHABETICAL ORDER
"Michael Frayn's comedy is a delightful experience."—F. Stan

MAYFAIR. 629 3036. From Dec. 22. SOOTY'S CHRISTMAS SHOW Daily 11.0, 3.0. Sat. 10.30, 2.0, 4.0

MERMAID. 248 7656. Food 248 2835 Evgs. 8.15. Mat. Th., Sat., 4.45 Bernard Miles Elizabeth Seal. Peter Reeves
FARJEON REVIEWED
A musical tribute to England's wittiest revue writer—HERBERT FARJEON SEATS FROM 75p to £2.50 or COMBINED DINNER AND THEATRE TICKET FOR £4.95.

MERMAID. 248 7656. Food 248 2835 Dec. 15-Jan. 17. Booking now Swift's
GULLIVER'S TRAVELS
with Mike D'Abo, William Rushton

NEW LONDON. 405 0072. Until Sat. Evgs. 8.0. Mat. Thur. 2.30. Sat. 5.0 & 8.15: JOHN HANSON in GLAMOROUS NIGHT with Pamela Field, Alexander Bridge.

NEW LONDON. 01-405 0072 Dec. 18-Jan. 24. Booking now: SPIKE MILLIGAN, BERNARD MILES in the Mermaid Theatre's Award Winning Production of
TREASURE ISLAND

OLD VIC NATIONAL THEATRE 928 7616. Today 2.15 (Redcd. pr. Mat.) Ton't & Mon. at 7.30
PLAYBOY OF THE WESTERN WORLD
by J. M. Synge
Tmr. 7.30, Thurs. 2.15 & 7.30: THE MISANTHROPE
Fri. at 7.30, Sat. 2.15 & 7.30: PHAEDRA BRITANNICA
Some seats held for sale day of performance from 10 a.m. Now booking to Jan. 31. Tel. bookings suspended until tomorrow.

PALACE. 437 6834. Mon. to Th. 8.0. Fri. & Sat. at 6.0 & 8.40.
JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

PALLADIUM. 01-437 7373. Dec. 17 LULU, RON MOODY RACHEL GURNEY in PETER PAN at 7.0 Subs. daily 2.45 and 7.30

PALLADIUM. 437 7373. Nov. 26, 27 only at 8.0. THE BLACK WATCH BAND SPECTACULAR. Highland Dancers. 80 performers. Book now.

PHOENIX. 836 8611. Mon.-Thurs. 8. Fri. & Sat. 6.15 & 8.30 Bristol Old Vic Musical Story of the Great Gilbert & Sullivan Partnership
TARANTARA! TARANTARA!
"Shining Gem" D.M. "This delightful show" E.N. "Full of life and wit". Harold Hobson, Sun. Times.

PHOENIX. 836 8611. From Dec. 15 A. A. Milne's WINNIE THE POOH. Mats. dly. 2 pm & Tu., Sat. 11 am.

PICCADILLY. 437 4506 Mon.-Thurs. 8. Fri. & Sat. 6, 8.40
ROYAL VARIETY HIT SHOW
KWA ZULU
"Probably the most compulsively enjoyable musical show in London." F.T. "A joyous occasion indeed." S. Exp. Now Booking to Feb. 1976.

PRINCE OF WALES. 01-930 8681 Evgs. 8.0. Fri., Sat. 5.30 & 8.30.
HARRY SECOMBE
"Lovable clowning, excellent singing." D.Mir in THE PLUMBER'S PROGRESS

QUEEN'S. 01-734 1166. Evenings 8.0 Mat. Thurs. 3.0. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. ALAN BATES in
OTHERWISE ENGAGED
A new play by SIMON GRAY Directed by HAROLD PINTER

RAYMOND REVUEBAR THEATRE 734 1593. At 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m. PAUL RAYMOND presents
THE FESTIVAL OF EROTICA '75

REGENT. 323 2707. Evenings 8.30 Fri., Sat. 7.0 & 9.15
2ND YEAR OF SENSATIONAL STAGE SHOW OF THE SEVENTIES
LET MY PEOPLE COME
AN ADULT MUSICAL
"Never a dull moment."—E. News. 100 tickets held for sale at door.

ROUNDHOUSE. 267 2564. Evgs. at 8. "Enchanting original piece of music theatre." Observer
LE PAVILLON AU BORD DE LA RIVIERE
"the musical I have enjoyed most." Hobson. "immensely accomplished music drama . . . thrilling sounds . . . one of the best advertisements for French theatre." Tms. "compelling sounds." F.T. "this is theatre as I like it, graceful, instructive & delicately picturesque." Guardian.

ROYAL COURT 730 1745 Opens ton't 7. Subs. 8. Sats. 5 & 8.30 TOM COURTENAY in
THE FOOL
by Edward Bond

ST. MARTIN'S. 836 1443. Evs. 8 Mats. Tues. 2.45. Sats. 5 and 8
AGATHA CHRISTIE'S
THE MOUSETRAP
WORLD'S LONGEST-EVER RUN 23RD YEAR

SAVOY. 836 8888. Evenings at 8. Mats. Wed. at 2.30 & Sat. at 5. Barbara MULLEN and Derek BOND in AGATHA CHRISTIE'S
MURDER AT THE VICARAGE

SHAFTESBURY THEATRE 01-836 6596 Evs. 7.30. Mat. Wed., Sat. 3.0. ARTHUR LOWE JOHN LE MESURIER, CLIVE DUNN in
DAD'S ARMY
"Funny and touching . . . total artistic success."—Sunday Times.

SHAW THEATRE 01-388 1394
KIDNAPPED AT CHRISTMAS
A new play for children by WILLIS HALL. Opens Dec. 3. At 11 a.m., 2.30.

STRAND. 836 2660. Evgs. 8.0 Mat. Thurs. 3.0, Sat. 5.30 & 8.30 DORIS HARE Richard CALDICOT, Andrew SACHS
NO SEX, PLEASE WE'RE BRITISH
Directed by Allan Davis
LONDON'S LONGEST LAUGH 5th Year

THEATRE AT NEW END 435 4116 DEATH STORY by David Edgar 8.00 p.m.

THEATRE ROYAL, Stratford, E.15. 534 0310. Evenings at 8. Mrs. Gaskell's CRANFORD.

VAUDEVILLE. 836 9988. Evgs. 8. Sat. 5 & 8. Mats. Tue. at 2.45. Margaret LOCKWOOD Paul DANEMAN & Barrie INGHAM
DOUBLE EDGE
"Superb who-dun-it . . . the cleverest who-dun-it I have seen for years." DT Nearby streets NOT affected by Xmas Parking restrictions

VICTORIA PALACE. 834 1317 Evgs. 8.0. Wed., Sat. 6.0 & 8.45
MIKE YARWOOD
in "THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE" ". . . greatly enjoyable revue."—Exp.

WESTMINSTER 834 0283. Until Nov 29 Wed., Thur., Fri. 7.30, Sat. 2.30
SONG OF ASIA
Cast of 45 from 14 Nations.

WESTMINSTER. 834 0283. Dec 2-Feb 7. Evs. 7.30. Wed & Sat. 2.30 Chichester Festival Theatre Production
FOLLOW THE STAR
A new Family Christmas Musical Dir. Wendy Toye (mats. Dec. 18 & 30)

WHITEHALL. 930 6692 7765 Evgs. 8.0. Fri., Sat. 6.15, 8.45 "Funniest play in London." Vogue.
WHAT THE BUTLER SAW
Dir. by Lindsay Anderson. "I came away aching with laughter." D. Mail.

WINDMILL THEATRE. 437 6312 PAUL RAYMOND presents
LET'S GET LAID
Twice nightly at 7.0 & 9.0
2nd SENSATIONAL YEAR

WYNDHAMS. 836 3028 Mon.-Fri. 8, Sats. 5 & 8.
JOHN GIELGUD RALPH RICHARDSON
National Theatre Production
HAROLD PINTER'S
NO MAN'S LAND
Directed by PETER HALL
"GREAT ACTING AT ITS HIGHEST PITCH." Ev. News. Limited Season.

YOUNG VIC (by Old Vic) 928 6363. Tnt. 8. MACBETH. Wed. (hr. 2 p.m.) FANTASTIC FAIRGROUND for families & children; 8 p.m. ALL WALKS OF LEG (from JOHN LENNON). "Hilarious . . ." Times "Twas brillig . . ." Guardian. Fri. 8. Sat. 2 & 8.15: OTHELLO

TALK OF THE TOWN. 01-734 5051. From 8.15. Dng. & Dcg. At 9.30 New Revue SWEET TEMPTATION and at 11 p.m.
SALENA JONES

CINEMAS

ABC 1 & 2 Shaftesbury Ave. 836 8861 Sep. Perfs. ALL SEATS BKBLE.
1: GONE WITH THE WIND (U). Wk. & Sun. 2.00, 7.45 (last 2 days).
2: LOVE AND DEATH (A). Wk. & Sun. 2.00, 5.30, 8.30.
ACADEMY ONE. 437 2981. Joan Micklin Silver's HESTER STREET (U). Progs. 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.35.
ACADEMY TWO. 437 5129. Stuart Cooper's OVERLORD (AA). Progs. 2.30, 4.40, 6.50, 9.00.
ACADEMY THREE 437 8819. Marcel Carnes LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (A). Show times 3.45, 8.15.
CASINO. 437 6877. EARTHQUAKE (A). You'll FEEL it as well as see it in SENSURROUND. Sep. perfs. at 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Last 2 Days. See theatre col. for Xmas Show.
COLUMBIA, Shaftesbury Ave. 734 5414. WHITE LINE FEVER (AA). Wk. 2.10, 4.30, 9.00. NIGHT CALLER (AA). Wk. 3.30, 7.20.
CURZON, Curzon St., W.1. 499 3737. LES VALSEUSES (Making It) (X). Eng. subtitles. Progs. 1.55, 4.0, 6.15 & 8.30. From Thursday: A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS (U).
DOMINION, Tott. Crt. Rd. 580 9562. James Caan ROLLERBALL (AA). Sep. progs. Wk. 1.15, 4.15, 8.00. All seats may be booked.
EMPIRE, Leicester Square. 3 DAYS OF THE CONDOR (AA). Progs. Daily 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Sep. perfs. All seats bookable. No phone bookings.
GATE CINEMA, Nott. Hill. 727 5750. DOUBLE BILL—GOALKEEPER'S FEAR OF THE PENALTY (A). 2.15, 5.45, 9.15 & THE CANNIBALS (AA). 4.45 Cont. Progs. BILLION DOLLAR BRAIN (A). 11.15 p.m. 50p. BRAIN & HOODLUM PRI... (A). 11.15 p.m.
TINE & SAPPHIRE (X). 11.15 p.m.
LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE. 930 5252. "Sec! Hear! Feel!" TOMMY (AA). The Film Event of the Year. Sep. perfs. 1.20, 4.30, 8.00. Sun. 4.30, 8.00. All seats may be booked.
ODEON HAYMARKET. (930 2738/2771). SHAMPOO (X). Sep. perfs. Wk. 1.15, 3.15, 8.15. Shampoo at 1.55, 5.30, 8.55. All seats may be booked.
ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE. (930 6111). BITE THE BULLET (A). Cont. progs. Wk. 2.00, 4.50, 7.50.
ODEON MARBLE ARCH (723 2011/2). "See! Hear! Feel!" TOMMY (AA). The Film Event of the Year. Sep. progs. Wk. 1.30, 5.00, 8.00. Sun. 4.30, 8.00. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.45.
ODEON ST. MARTIN'S LANE—HOME OF DISNEY MOVIES—THE JUNGLE BOOK (U). For info. 240 0071. Box Office 836 0691. Sep. progs. Wk. 2.30, 5.45, 8.45. Features 3.05, 6.20, 9.20. Sats. progs. 11.15 a.m., 2.30, 5.45, 8.45. Sun. progs. 2.45, 5.35, 8.45. BKBLE. Late show Sat. 11.45.
PARIS PULLMAN, Sth. Ken. 373 5898. Saura's LA CAZA (The Hunt) (X). Pgs. 4.00, 5.35, 8.10. Ends Wed.
PLAZA 1 & 2, Regent St. 839 6494. Box office open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (not Suns.).
1 Glenda Jackson, Michael Caine, Helmut Berger. THE ROMANTIC ENGLISHWOMAN (AA). Daily 2.30, 5.30, 8.20. Sep. perfs. Bookable evg. only.
2 GONE WITH THE WIND (A) in 70mm. Progs.: Sep. perfs. daily 2.15, 6.50. All seats bookable.
PRINCE CHARLES, Leic. Sq. 437 8181 2nd Great Year
EMMANUELLE (X)
Sep. Perfs. Dly. (inc. Sun.), 2.45, 6.15, 9.00. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 11.45. Seats Bkble. Lic'd Bar.
RITZ, Leicester Square. 437 1234. BUG (X). Progs. daily, 2.15, 4.25, 6.35, 8.45.
SCENE 1, Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470. Cont. Perfs. Dly. from 12.30. Lte. Show Fri. & Sat. 11.45 Ken Russell's LISZTOMANIA (X). Progs. 12.30, 2.30, 4.45, 7.05, 9.25. Lte. Show Fri. & Sat. 11.45.
SCENE 2, Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470. Cont. Perfs. Dly. from 12.30. Lte. Show Fri. & Sat. 12.05 YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN (AA). Progs. 12.30, 2.45, 5.05, 7.25, 9.45. Lte. Show Fri. & Sat. 12.05.
SCENE 3, Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470. THE TOWERING INFERNO (A). Sep. Perfs. Dly. 2.00, 5.20, 8.40. Lte. Show Fri. & Sat. 11.45. Seats Bkble.—All Perfs.
SCENE 4, Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470. 2nd YEAR. THE EXORCIST (X). Directed by William Friedkin. Sep. Perfs. Dly. 12.30, 3.00, 6.15, 9.00. Lte. Show Fri. & Sat. 11.30. Box Office Open Daily 10-8. Sun. 12-8. Seats Bkble.—All Perfs.
WARNER WEST END, Leicester Square. Tel.: 439 0791.
1. Telly Savalas, James Mason, Robert Culp. INSIDE OUT (A). Sep. progs. 2.30, 5.30, 8.30.
2. A Ken Russell Film starring Roger Daltrey LISZTOMANIA (X). Cont. progs. Wk. 1.20, 3.40, 6.00, 8.25.
3. From Thursday: PERMISSION TO KILL (AA).
4. FIVE FINGERS OF DEATH (X). Cont. progs. 2.30, 4.35, 6.30, 8.30.

ART EXHIBITIONS

ACKERMANNS
3 Old Bond Street, London, W.1. 01-493 3288
Recent drawings paintings and bronzes by
JOHN SKEAPING, R.A.
November 13th-29th
Weekdays: 10-5.30: Sats. 10-1.

AGNEW GALLERY, 43 Old Bond St., W.1. 629 6176. BRITISH PAINTINGS 1900-1975 including BERNARD DUNSTAN exhibition. Until 5 Dec. Mon.-Fri. 9.30-5.30; Thurs. until 7.

ANTHONY d'OFFAY, 9 Dering St., W.1
BRITISH ART 1890-1975
Mon.-Fri. 10-5.30 01-629 1578

BARBARA HEPWORTH
10 Sculptures William Darby
38 New Bond St., W.1. 629 3108

BERYL KENDALL. The English Watercolour Gallery. "Yesterday's London." Nov. 21st-29th. 10-5.30 p.m., Sat. 10-4. 2 Warwick Pl., Warwick Ave., W.9. 286 9902.

BRIAN KOETSER GALLERY. 38 Dover St., St. James's, S.W.1. 01-930 6300. Exhibition of fine Dutch and Flemish Old Master Paintings of the 16th and 17th Centuries. Until December. Mon.-Fri. 10-5.30; Sats. 10-1.

BROD GALLERY
"Views of London"—watercolours by MARIANNE VON WERTHER
24 St. James's St., S.W.1. 839 3871

COLNAGHI'S, 14 Old Bond St., W.1. 01-491 7408. ROMAN LANDSCAPE IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY and J. M. W. TURNER: Prints from the Liber Studiorum. Until 28 Nov. Mon.-Fri. 9.30-6; Sats. 10-1.

CRANE KALMAN GALLERY
178 Brompton Road, London, S.W.3. A SELECTION OF 36 PAINTINGS by
L. S. LOWRY
4th Nov.-6th Dec., 10-6; Sats. 10-4. 01-584 7566

FINE ART SOCIETY
148 New Bond Street. 01-629 5116
ROLF GERARD
also Jewellery, 1850-1930

GERALD M. NORMAN GALLERY
8 Duke Street, St. James's, S.W.1.
AUTUMN EXHIBITION
Fine Early English Watercolours
Until Nov. 21. Sats. 10-1.

GIMPEL FILS, 30 Davies St., W.1. 493 2488. BARBARA HEPWORTH. 50 Sculptures 1935-1970.

HAYWARD GALLERY, South Bank, S.E.1. (Arts Council) BURNE JONES until 4 Jan., Mon.-Fri. 10-8; Sat. 10-6; Sun. 12-6. Adm. 50p. children, students, OAPs, 25p, 10p all day Mon., Tues.-Fri., 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Also admits to New Work until 1st Dec.

HAZLITT, GOODEN & FOX
38 Bury Street, St. James', London, S.W.1.
JOHN MARTIN
Loan Exhibition in aid of The National Art Collections Fund until 21st November
Mon.-Fri., 10.00-5.30

HEIM GALLERY
59 Jermyn St., S.W.1.
GERMAN BAROQUE DRAWINGS
Loan Exhibition from German Museums
Mon.-Fri. 9.30-5.30. Entrance 30p.

JOCELYN FEILDING FINE ART LTD., 28 New Bond Street, W.1. 01-499 1122. EXHIBITION OF ENGLISH DRAWINGS AND WATERCOLOURS. Monday-Friday: 9.30-5.30.

KAPLAN GALLERY, 6 Cork St., W.1. An Exhibition of Paintings by ERNEST CHEVALIER, 1862-1917. Mon.-Fri. 10-6. Sats. 10-1. 01-437 0261.

LASSON GALLERY
Exhibition of
OLD MASTERS
Until 22nd November
82-84 Jermyn Street, S.W.1. 01-629 6981
Daily: 10.30-5.30. Sats. 11-1.

LEFEVRE GALLERY. Until 15 Nov. Contemporary Paintings and Drawings. Weekdays, 10-5; Saturdays, 10-1. 30 Bruton Street, W.1. 493 1572/3.

LUMLEY CAZALET, 24 Davies St. W.1. 499 5058. ROBERT BATES—New Watercolours.

MARLBOROUGH, 6 Albemarle St., W.1. Sidney Nolan, Recent Paintings—Notes for Oedipus. Also new Graphics. 31 Oct.-28 Nov. Daily 10-5.30. Sat. 10-12.30.

MOORLAND GALLERY, 23 Cork St., W.1. 01-734 6961. BIRDS OF THE AFRICAN BUSH by Rena Fennessy. Until Nov. 26. Mon.-Fri.. 9.30 a.m.-6 p.m.

M. NEWMAN LTD.
43a Duke Street, St. James's, London, S.W.1.
ART IN EUROPE 1830-1960
Monday to Friday 10 a.m.-5.30 p.m. Closes 28th November, 1975.

OMELL GALLERIES, 30 Albemarle Street, Piccadilly, W.1. New collections of FINE BRITISH & EUROPEAN PAINTINGS & Special Seasonal Christmas Offer of Original Paintings from as little as £20. D-Sanitra presents.

PATRICK SEALE GALLERY
2 Motcomb St., Belgrave Sq., S.W.1. 9.30-5.30 Sats. 10-1. 01-235 0934.
ADOLF FROHNER
Sculptures, paintings, drawings, etchings.
Till 21st November.

REDFERN GALLERY. Robert Young New Paintings and Drawings. Nov. 3-29. 20 Cork St., London, W.1.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS
LANDSCAPE MASTERPIECES FROM SOVIET MUSEUMS
Until 30 November. Wkdys. 10-6, Suns. 2-6. Adm. 50p. (Mondays 30p). Students and pensioners half price.

SERPENTINE GALLERY, Kensington Gardens (Arts Council). 5 Swedish Artists. To 7 Dec. Daily 10-4. Adm. free.

TATE GALLERY, Millbank, SW1. PAUL NASH Paintings, Watercolours & Drawings. Until 28 December. Wkdys. 10-6, Suns. 2-6. Adm. 50p. Schoolchildren, students & OAPs 10p.

TOOTH: INDIAN PAINTINGS of the 17th-19th centuries from various private collections. Until 12 Dec. Mon.-Fri. 9.30-5.30. Sat. 10-12.30. 31 Bruton St., W.1.

TRYON GALLERY, 41 Dover St., W.1. 01-493 5161. French Equestrian Paintings by Bernard de Clavière and Racing Impressions by Frank Wootton. Until Nov. 28th. Mon.-Fri. 9.30 a.m.-5.30 p.m.

VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM, SW7. The Land. 20th century landscape photographs. Wkdys. 10 to 17.50. Sun. 14.30-17.50. Adm. 30p.

WILDENSTEIN
Four Painters of 20th century Greece
THEOPHILOS: KONTOGLOU: KHIKA: TSAROUCHIS
Weekdays 10-5.30. Saturdays 10-12.30. Until 5th December.
Admission free. Catalogues sold in aid of the National Trust for Greece.
147 New Bond Street, W.1.

MAPPIN ART GALLERY
SHEFFIELD
BRITISH PAINTING 1900-1960
November 8th-January 4th
Daily: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sundays: 2-5 p.m.
A comprehensive survey including 190 works representing 149 artists

EXHIBITIONS

HIGHLAND HOME INDUSTRIES
Exhibition and Sales
10-22 Nov.—Ceylon Tea Centre, Lower Regent Street.
Mon.-Fri., 10 am-6 pm. Sat., 10-noon.

NATIONAL BOOK LEAGUE, 7 Albemarle St., W.1. GEORGE SEFERIS Exhibition. Mon.-Fri. 10-6 p.m., Sat. 10-1 p.m. Adm. free. GREEK STATE TOURIST OFFICE, 195 Regent St., W.1. Greek Books and Books on Greece. Mon.-Fri. 9.30-5.30 p.m., Sat. 10-1 p.m. Adm. Free.

The Times Special Reports
All the subject matter on all the subjects that matter.
THE TIMES

THE ARTS




Pillar and Moon (1932-40) and, right, Landscape from a Dream (1936-38)

Paul Nash: symbols of the spirit and the flesh

Although Paul Nash was an uneven artist and the Tate exhibition is a little too large and unselective, there is an extraordinary consistency about his life's work—the result of a deeply-rooted romantic attitude to the world of nature and his own experience of it. It was a romanticism typically English, but which Nash went to great pains to control by formal means for most of his working life. A few years before his death he told a friend that he wished to cease trying to control nature, by which he really meant his own romantic and mystical feeling toward nature.

T. E. Hulme wrote that the romantic attitude very often finds its apotheosis in metaphors and images of flight, in which the poet takes off into the great beyond. Hulme was in this instance writing about poetry, but Nash was a painter who remained very close to poetry, wrote verse as a young man and was initially undecided whether to be a painter or a poet. It was probably fortunate that as a war artist during the Second World War, he was prevented by his acute asthma from actually flying. Flying has usually been a disastrous experience for painters and very few good paintings have come of it.

But in the last years of Nash's life images of flight and death were intertwined. "Death, about which we are all thinking, death, I believe, is the only solution to this problem of how to be able to fly. Personally, I feel that if death can give us that, death will be good." But there was an image which kept Nash's romantic imagination from soaring too far into the beyond, the image of the crashed bomber, stranded and broken, clumsy, ugly and inert on the ground. Although Nash could treat that romantically too, it served as a controlling symbol of man's vulnerability, like Icarus's fall, of the limitations of his power over the physical world and of his own self-destructiveness. Even in those last pictures which are not specifically war paintings, where images of flight, death and a sense of the beyond crowd in almost too powerfully, there remains a restraint. It is not the restraint of design and form, which Nash had imposed on his romantic imagination so carefully in his earlier years, it is the restraint which comes from that quality of intelligence which is transparent in all Nash's works, even those that are not entirely successful.

In his earliest works, before the First World War, Nash bounded his mystical feelings about nature with a careful line. There is something of the art nouveau in it. For although the linear style of art nouveau employed for its own sake became for many artists a self-indulgent mannerism, intelligently cultivated it could be a controlling artifice that bends nature back to the world of human experience. Sometimes, even in these early works, Nash used more deliberate devices—fences, gates, or ladders in orchards—to show man's presence in absence by means of the geometry of his artifacts.

In a remarkable watercolour of 1917, *The Cherry Orchard*, the cherry trees recede in careful and almost hallucinatorily precise perspective. Across the middle foreground runs a fence of chicken wire topped by two strands of barbed wire, as if separating the dream landscape of the orchard from us. In front of this fly two streamlined birds—swifts or swallows—from right to left. By this time Nash had already served at the front and was recovering at John Drinkwater's house in Gloucestershire from an accidental fall. His previous work has the strengths and weaknesses of the best Georgian poetry. This picture suggests something altogether stronger to come, the equivalent of the poetry of Edward Thomas, whom he had met during his military training.

Nash returned to the front as a war artist. His early paintings and drawings had been filled with the sense of being inhabited by the spirit of man, of Wordsworthian "low breathings". Birds and trees are used as symbols of the spirit and the flesh. In his war paintings Nash gave to a ruined landscape, the blasted and shattered stumps of trees, a quality of desolation and emptiness far more effective than if he had shown the men who suffered themselves. It was a skilful, intuitive, but highly intelligent use of the pathetic fallacy.

The Cherry Orchard, with its symbolic birds flying across the geometric grid of the fence, already anticipates the works of Nash's later period like *The Soul Visiting the Mansions of the Dead* of 1932, curiously not in the exhibition. If, in his works of the late Twenties and early Thirties, Nash shows an awareness of European abstract painting and of the Russian Constructivists in the geometric structures which appear in his symbolic landscapes, he absorbed these influences because they corresponded to directions already suggested in his earlier works.

In the Twenties there was a period when the impetus sometimes seems to drop in Nash's painting. He was, as Andrew Causey suggests in his catalogue introduction, "a war artist without a war". And the English avantgarde of the prewar years had evaporated—not that Nash had ever really been part of it—leaving an intellectual vacuum. There was no supporting milieu of exchanged ideas that Nash, for all his independent qualities, needed at this stage in his career. However, the natural abstraction of the coast at Dymchurch, in Kent, where he lived for a time, provided him with a subject matter which helped him towards achieving that personal fusion of abstract and surrealist influences which characterizes his best works, such as *Landscape at Iden*, *Pillar and Moon* and *Equivalents for the Megaliths*. With so many of his English contemporaries that combination was a fatal symptom of indecision and ineptitude. It was not so with Nash, possessed of a rarefied sensibility.

Despite ill-health he was extraordinarily productive. Besides paintings he did some fine graphic and illustrative work and was an excellent designer. This side of Nash can be seen in a separate small exhibition at the V & A which includes photographs of the bathroom (now destroyed) for the dancer Tilly Losch commissioned by her husband, the collector Edward James, in which Nash used mass-produced elements to extraordinary effect.

In the early Thirties he also made photomontages and assemblages, and his photographs, which were the subject of an earlier Tate exhibition, were creative works in their own right, although he regarded them as raw material for his paintings. The Tate exhibition continues until December 28.

Paul Overy

The Twenty-second Day
Maximus Actors' Arena

Irving Wardle

A young truck driver kidnaps a girl from a mental home and confines her in a room where he attempts a home-made cure. On the twenty-second day she has come to trust him enough to venture out into the street—and straight under the wheels of another passing truck.

Such is the basis of Olwen Wymark's midday piece, though it is not until the end that these facts emerge. Until then, we experience the situation from the girl's point of view as a struggle between her protector and two black-coated interrogators who take possession of her whenever he is absent.

This is a pattern Mrs Wymark has used before, and she has great skill in constructing trick models of reality full of sliding panels and unobtrusive trapdoors. In this case she also elaborates the main struggle with dreams, radio commentary, and fairytale running in parallel with the visible action. But however ingeniously labyrinthine the result, its effect is to transpose an interesting situation into the theatrical cliché of an anonymous victim wandering through a Kafka-esque night mare.

It is only when the fantasy guards are identified as bereaved parents and the kidnapping story comes out that one starts caring.

The writing shows unmistakable understanding of the mechanics of delusion, particularly in one magnificent speech on the psychology of retreat. It is the form of the piece, alas, that makes sympathy look like gimmicks.

In Michael Hucks's production the piece gets delicate if rather consciously charming treatment from a cast led by Jill Dixon and Trevor Martin. The Arena itself (14 Leicester Square) is a welcome and sumptuous addition to the generally austere lunchtime circuit.

The Tale of Timothy Bagshott
BBC 1

Alan Coren

If, like me, you feel that what comes out of the mouths of babes and sucklings is of considerably less significance than what goes into their ears, then there is every chance that you will have found *The Tale of Timothy Bagshott* as pernicious a piece of nastiness as ever fouled cathode.

Since adult television is my normal reviewing brief, I am rarely appalled; it takes a major affront to appal me, and the worst that can be said of adult television, usually, is that it has offended taste. The amount of actual harm it can inflict is limited by the maturity, some would say imperviousness, of the adult imagination. But when something as dangerous as this immorality play, this uncautionary tale, is aimed directly at the five o'clock audience, then it's time to stand up and be appalled.

The play opens with the departure of Timothy Bagshott's father to clink for 20 years. A long stretch, you may think, for a bent property developer; but since everything else in the play was distorted, what's so special about justice that it should escape? As a result, the boy Timothy, all family money gone, is thrown into the terrible world of council flats and comprehensive schools, all built of high alumina cement by his father, and all populated with a working-class every bit as corrupt, devious, and anti-social as the bourgeoise Bagshotts.

The parents hate their kids, batten on the state, booze their dole money away, yet enjoy a high standard of living through theft. The children are all violent and ineducable, partly because it is in their immutable nature to be so, partly because their teachers are either weak progressives or savage fascists. Respect, in both working and middle classes, attaches to the man who can get something for nothing, opprobrium is reserved only for the honest and industrious.

It's a satire, I caught myself murmuring halfway through, it's a satire, albeit ill-written and illustrated with vulgar graphics, and soon the cum-uppances will hit and a morality emerge which will lead the little watchers into the light. The light never came; the revolting Bagshott child took over the school, through graft and coercion, and, a chip off the old block, triumphed.

I cannot guess what Fay Weldon thought she was writing, or what the BBC thought it was buying. I only know what I and my kids were watching. I wish it had been *Straw Dogs*.

ECO Wind Ensemble
St John's, Smith Square

Joan Chissell

The English Chamber Orchestra Wind Ensemble began their programme in the BBC's lunchtime series at St John's yesterday with a comparative rarity, a Sinfonia by Donizetti, written in 1817, when, with a half dozen or so operas already in the bag, he was still only 20.

Attractively scored for two each of oboes, clarinets, horns and bassoons, led by a single flute, this one-movement piece is thoroughly enough argued to make it plain that the young Donizetti was certainly not dependent on words for keeping afloat. (Dictionaries tell us that he was also much involved with string quartets at this time.) After a grave minor start, the music dissolves into a smiling second subject engaging enough to make it a matter of regret that the composer did not expand the work into a full-grown Noner, like Stravinsky's Octet also beginning with a movement called Sinfonia, which followed.

Though conflicting statements exist about the origin of this work, Stravinsky's love of wind instruments for their objective precision is an indisputable fact. Directed by Anthony Halstead, the Ensemble's very carefully balanced performance (with brass never too forward) respected the composer's desire for it to be "unemotive". For all that it was a performance which drew piquant character from every purely musical contrast, not least in the central theme and variations. The throwaway ending was also stylishly urbane.

The most personally committed work in the programme came at the end. This was Mozart's C minor Serenade, K.388, written "in a great hurry" yet containing far greater ingenuity of craftsmanship (not least in the counterpoint of the Minuet and Trio), besides intensity of expression, than was customary in pieces of this title. Here the tone was as well blended as the phrasing was shapely, though as always it soon became clear that there is more in this music than wind instruments alone, with their comparatively limited dynamic contrasts and inability to make a sforzando really sting, can ever release.

André Tchaikowsky
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Joan Chissell

The dimming of hall lights immediately before Liszt's B minor sonata, centrepiece of André Tchaikowsky's piano recital in the South Bank Sunday series, was coincidental; in fact, they stayed like that for the rest of the programme. Nevertheless, that sudden descent into the shadows seemed to emphasize that Mr Tchaikowsky was out to make the sonata an uncommonly disturbing experience, at once more sinister and challenging than we often hear it.

He went to extreme contrasts of withdrawn introspection and menacing drama, his pianissimos sometimes barely audible, and often with a steely edge to his tone in fortissimos. Many incidents were arresting, although the suspicion remained that there was too much playing for melodramatic effect at the expense of structural cohesion and equally of sheer keyboard mastery. Several moments of technical strain (not least in con fuoco octaves) and lack of tonal allure suggested that this artist's dual rôle of composer-pianist is taking its toll.

Pursuit of extremes had a somewhat disintegrating effect elsewhere, too, not least in Handel's G major Chaconne with Variations and in music by his own compatriots, including a welcome group of Szymanowski mazurkas. Some of his musings in Chopin's F minor Ballade were admittedly very beautiful, but they were too other-worldly to relate to such violent climaxes; not least in the dramatic moment of truth near the end. Despite potent atmospheric evocation at the start of each of Debussy's *Estampes*, point making grew tiresomely selfconscious and mannered as they progressed. Mr Tchaikowsky is far too good a musician to succumb to idiosyncratic narcissism of this kind.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Lady with the secrets of the wine-dark sea

Colossus
BBC 2

Leonard Buckley

Edmund Gosse's father, no Darwinian, believed that the Creator put into the rocks the fossils that the geologists in due course were to find there. For myself, the way things are going, I shall soon be believing that he also took the opportunity of littering the seabed with shipwrecks with an eye to future television programmes. You scarcely switch on the box these days but what some rubber-suited gentleman is flip-flopping into the briny to bob up moments later with a cannonball, two coins no longer current and the remains of a barnacled porthole. On a chilly November evening it makes precariously masochistic viewing.

Last night things were different. We started right enough in the routine way. A team of divers were trying to locate the Colossus. This man-o'-war from Nelson's day was wrecked off the Scillies in 1798. It had been carrying home for Sir William Hamilton a collection of Greek and Roman antiquities. So there was treasure to be sought. We had, then, the usual underwater photography but rather less than usual of the panoramic view of the islands. Instead there came a new dimension. Recent legislation now demands a licence for the search of this kind. That brought in Dr Ann Birchall of the British Museum as an assessor. And at once scholarship was seen to bear on the secrets of the wine-dark sea.

Could the crates of precious vases have been looted at the time of the wreck? The possibilities were scrupulously assessed. What were the divers to look for by way of potsherds? They—and we—were shown. So we all went back to the seabed with new zest; and when the divers brought up thousands of fragments to face Dr Birchall with a gigantic jigsaw we were all as pleased as Punch.

The operation had been monitored all the way by the BBC and Dick Tracey explained it carefully step by step. But it was the lady who stole the show. Dr Birchall was not the first archaeologist to convey enthusiasm for her subject on the air. But when it came to exciting me with the glimpse of a satyr's ear on a broken bit of pot I marked her alpha plus.

British choirs top in BBC contest

British choirs this year scored the most outstanding successes in the 18 years the BBC has been running its International choral contest *Let the Peoples Sing*. Two choirs won three of the six classes in competition with 35 other choirs from 17 countries. No other country did so well.

Sotheby's regularly hold sales of

MANUSCRIPTS AUTOGRAPH LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS

Sales are made up from archives, collections, albums and single items and include the letters, papers and manuscripts of writers and poets, monarchs and historical personalities, explorers, inventors, artists, scientists, politicians, composers and musicians, actors, travellers, and others. They also include illuminated manuscripts, medieval charters, Americana, Continental material, naval and military papers and manuscript maps and plans.

For information and advice telephone or write to Roy Davids

Sotheby's
Sotheby Parke Bernet & Co.,
34-35 New Bond Street, London W1A 2AA
Telephone: 01-493 8080 Telegrams: Abinitio, London
Telex: London 24454

هكذا من الاصل

Fashion

by Prudence Glynn

tting in
ir
work

people feel themselves and secure, they prefer lity in their decor, smart and geometrics for fab- bol, angular furniture. they feel less so they o be surrounded with nore naturalistic things, and designs which re- ture and its reassuring he basic principles. Any which is connected yle is therefore cycli- d Jean Baudrand, chair- d managing director of Fabrics, the firm created genius of his father-in- i, plunged into prob- Miki's untimely death, w very definitely the ation of this tenacious, young man.

he did not add was skill in any commer- terprises involving that thing, fashion, depends a for degree on the an- of the man in charge ine the taste of his not too soon, not too is the sort of incal- aspect of the business makes accountants pale kes the fashion business ne other.

audrand has had his s, one of which might to be the fact that 20 t of his company is now by Slater Walker, who o have been just as de- gly thick and unimagina- our the firm as are most tigers when confronted ne no doubt maddening, essentially butterfly, business.

as pleased to hear M nd's explanation of style on, since in a blinding f intuitive inspiration (or it was the red mullet at lunch) I have just ed a large and uncon- group of teenage girls e blue-jeans phase is at nd. Wearing workers' , I argued, is only a joke there is plenty of work , and plenty of money. the economic recession nd the competition for egins, the joke is over, essential of satisfactory g must be fun. Is it just cidence that the biggest men's style now is a iece, chalk stripe worsted

s also very pleased with udrand's radical innova- for Sekers. He has intro- printed fabrics for the ime, which when added to the famous weaves and jacquards gives customers a complete range. Another specially researched and developed area has been fire-flame and in some cases blast retardant sheer window coverings, alas, only too topical just now, but done with great simplicity and elegance.

The Sekers prints, some made in Carlisle and some I am delighted to say, from Belfast where M Baudrand found "exceptional interest and sympathy for design—they looked at me strangely when I said I wanted three shades of white on one pattern; they did it though" are entirely natural, and are offered in most instances, with that marvellous French assurance we mostly lack, in one colour, "the right colour".

Another Glynn theory is that hindsight will show Fashion, with a capital F to have been one of the phenomena of the twentieth century's first 75 years, and I regard my belief as upheld, rather than undermined, by the positively frenetic interest in fashion and fashion drawings which is now apparent.

All but the stoutest coffee tables must by now have collapsed under the weight of such tomes as *A History of Fashion*, by J. Anderson Black and Madge Garland, Elizabeth Ewings *20th Century Fashion*, *Fashion Illustrated*, by Deborah Torrens (which I much enjoyed) and now six decades of fashion as seen through the elegant if somewhat unintellectual eyes of British *Vogue*. The pictures are marvellous, and will serve to rank such enchanting artists as Norman Parkinson forever among the greats where he belongs; even our national terror of fashion cannot belittle him. There is a further volume, indeed, out now but since it contains the amazing attribution of the Sargent portrait of Nancy Astor to her brother in law, Charles Dana Gibson, calls Margaret, Duchess of Argyll, Miss Wigan, not Whigham (could they have been confusing peers with piers?) and describes the dress which happened to be shown on this very page as pleated knit when in fact it was pure silk chiffon, politeness here might draw a veil, or even close a door. And why is not poor Yuki credited with the blissful dress on the cover? He is after all currently the most knocked-off designer in the country.

The price of publishing being what it is, you can in fact buy a fashion picture to grace your walls for not much more than a book or two, and for those who like the charm of clothes without being obsessed by the year the New Look was launched, collecting drawings is preferable.

Unfortunately, just as the quarries have been overworked to provide materials for all the fashion books, so have they been dynamited to yield the smallest chips of artistic treasure. Charles Spencer, who wrote valuable books on Erte and Bakst, and Marina Henderson who has done books on Mucha and on Burne-Jones are therefore to be congratulated on turning her house in Kensington into a gallery-research studio-archive and even tea shop, I think Mr Spencer murmured, and offering an exceptionally fresh and broad range of theatre and film designs—everyone from Comelli to Yves St Laurent—programmes and posters, and delicious fashion drawings. Decor, for such it is called, has a good catalogue and a sympathetic ambiance, and it is at 28 Argyll Road, telephone 01-937 3702.

And now for my diy readers, two books to enable you to print like Bakst and knit with the highest in the land; Patricia Roberts, who has done exclusive patterns for us in the past has a book costing only 65p with full instruction on how to make 21 high fashion knits which would cost you around £250 to buy. Noel Dyrenforth tells you how to do Batik (brave man) for £2.95 (Orbis). Gorgeous, messy, infinitely rewarding and the natural progression for all you ladies who are into tie and dye.

Centre: Back-to-nature prints, a new departure for Sekers Fabrics. The material is pure cotton satin, with a very satisfactory handle and a muted sheen. One range shows the four seasons, then there is a group of florals.

Right: What is new in fashion? This print, dated 1911, shows the big hats made fashionable by John Bates last season, the harem pants which are the hottest news from Italy and now Paris, and one of those neat little cord-slung fabric purses which Kenzo Takada of Jap made a status symbol last year. Drawing by Plum. From Decor, 28 Argyll Road, London W8; telephone 01-937 3702.







For right: A marvellous social comment on fashion by Enrico Sacchetti, also from Decor. The technique is called pochoir, really a form of hand-stencilling for colour, which gives the effect of an original drawing though in fact the designs were used in multiple reproduction for books.





The Mappin Lizard Handbag.

Superb value at only £11.95

Just compare the price and quality the Mappin & Webb lizard handbag th other similar handbags. Then you'll lise why the Mappin bag is such a perb gift at any time of the year.

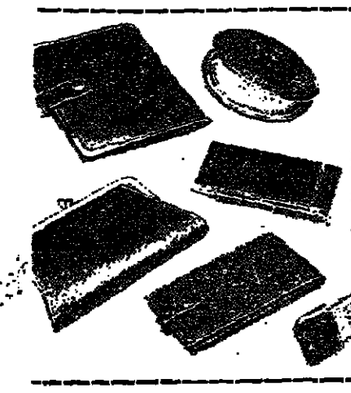
Apart from its attractive design, bag is suede-lined, with interior zip pocket. Colours are Mink, Brown, Black, Red, Navy, and Natural. Size 10¼" x 7½".

Don't be disappointed – post the coupon right away. You may wish to choose some of the matching lizard accessories, too.

Mappin & Webb

By Appointment to H.M. The Queen Silversmiths. Mappin & Webb Ltd. London

170 Regent Street, W1R 6BQ. Tel: 01-734 3801
Old Bond Street, W1A 2JH. Tel: 01-493 6123. 2 Queen Victoria Street, EC4N 4TL. Tel: 01-248 6661
Brompton Road, SW3 1DB. Tel: 01-584 9361. 125-26 Fenchurch Street, EC3 6DL. Tel: 01-626 3171.



TO: MAPPIN & WEBB, 170 REGENT STREET, LONDON, W1R 6BQ.
Please send me .... Lizard handbag(s).
Colour ..... @ £11.95.
☐ Notecase £5.95. ☐ Compact £6.75. ☐ Purse £5.75.
☐ Jotter pad with pencil £3.25. ☐ Credit card case £5.75.
☐ Lizard-covered travel watch with date £25.
I enclose remittance for £ .....
made payable to Mappin & Webb. (Please add 55p for p & p).
NAME .....
ADDRESS .....

The Times quilted jacket offer

I did say that our next fashion offer would be made in Hongkong, but that bit the quota dust, so here is the same idea, Chinese indeed, but made in England. Complete with shirt-slit sides, braided edges, tunic tie fastening and Mandarin collar, in two ground colours, red or blue each with a small, pretty print.

Above: Straight skirt buttoned at the hem on either side. Style 7740, sizes 10-14, grey, air-force blue, rust, black and brown. Jane Norman, 153 Oxford Street, London W1, and branches at £6.99.
Umbrella with a painted handle, from a selection at Marisa Marvin, 146 Brompton Road, London SW3, at £12.
Suede shoes with a wedge sole by Russell & Bromley, called "Tarah" from West-End branches only, at £26.99.

Photographed by Dick Polak, at Mr. Chow, 151, Knightsbridge, London, S.W.1.



Right: Very tight satin trousers with a slit at the ankle, by Strawberry Studio. Sizes 10-14, in assorted colours at £10.95. From Top Shop, Oxford Circus, London W1, and Kingston, Surrey. Lucy's of Richmond and Hounslow, Boodle-Am, Leeds and Binns of Hull. Satin peep-toe evening shoes with an ankle strap, by Russell & Bromley. Called "Bermuda", available from West-End branches only at £28.99.

Please complete coupon carefully, using a ballpoint. UK addresses only. Your order will be despatched in time for normal delivery within 28 days. Inquiries, not orders, to Christine Westwood, 01-837 1234, extension 500.

Send to: Chinese Jacket Offer, Times Newspapers Ltd., 32 Wharf Road, London N1 7SD.

Please send ..... Chinese Jacket(s) at £12.95 each as indicated below.

Size 1	Bust 32in/33in	Length 25in	
Size 2	Bust 34in/36in	Length 25in	
Size 3	Bust 37in/38in	Length 26in	

RED Size	Quantity	BLUE Size	Quantity
1	☐	1	☐
2	☐	2	☐
3	☐	3	☐

I enclose a cheque/postal order for £ crossed and made payable to Times Newspapers Ltd.

Name .....
Address .....
.....
.....Postcode.....

Times Newspapers Ltd, PO Box 7, New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EZ. Reg No 894646 England.

HOMES and gardens and Christmas

Take the fuss out of Christmas...and add enormously to all the fun —with this exciting holiday special!

Feasting

Robert Carrier's fabulous cold Christmas fare – boned and stuffed turkey, decorated galantine. Also in this issue – planned holiday menus and our special Christmas wine offer.
(GL British readers only.)

Presents

A fascinating display of all kinds of Christmas gift ideas, chosen from all over the world, and available in this country.

Cards

Queen Mary's albums of Christmas cards, collected for over 50 years. The story and the pictures.

Decorations

Some unusual decorations and how to achieve special effects on the Christmas tree.

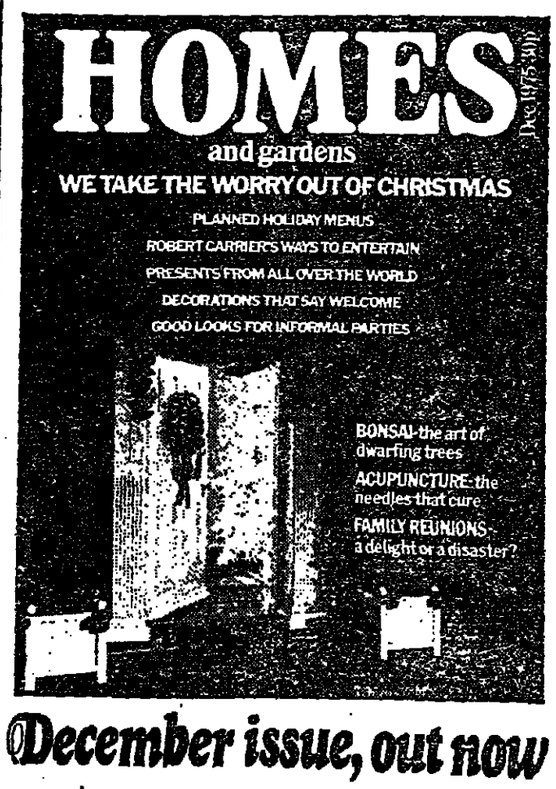
Parties

Fashion and beauty concentrate on looking your best for all the informal Christmas party-going.

Celebrations

The festive season – from Finland to India. A travel writer looks back on unusual Christmases spent in faraway places.

and so much more



December issue, out now

Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and ... Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls.

... 211,189 304,855 337,574

GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

SPORT

Football

Madeley's injury could be the final blow for England

England, already hit by numerous injuries, suffered another blow yesterday morning when the Leeds United defender, Madeley, twisted a knee while sprinting in training. He must be considered doubtful for the European championship game in Portugal tomorrow.

Todd, the captain Gerry Francis, and Tueart also missed the hour-long practice and, like Madeley, will have intensive treatment before the manager, Don Revie, makes a decision on their fitness. "I now have to think of two lots of situations—one if the players are fit, and one if they are not." One bright spot—the Leeds forward, Clarke, took a full part in the training after being doubtful through injury.

Norman Medhurst, the Chelsea physiotherapist, travelled with the senior England party to Lisbon in place of Fred Street, of Arsenal, who takes over treatment of the under-23 team at Selhurst Park. This is because Mr Street's wife is unwell.

Dr Peter Burrows, the team physician, and Medhurst will be important men in England's attempt to keep alive hopes of qualifying for the last eight of the championship. Dr Burrows and Mr Medhurst, who have two days in which to get the injured fit, took an assortment of electronic equipment with them when the England party flew out yesterday.

Tueart's hip trouble only confirmed what Mr Revie described as "my worst set of problems since I took over". He said: "All the players will have intensive treatment and only after speaking to the doctor will I decide on my team, probably on Wednesday."

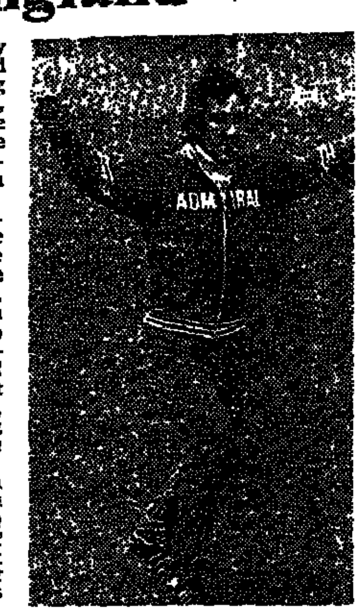
The West Ham United defender, Lock, could be an effective if inexperienced stand-in for Todd, should the Derby man be ruled out. However, for such a testing occasion, Mr Revie will probably prefer to move Beattie from full back. If Francis is also ruled out, Currie could get the chance to prove himself, or Brooking may be recalled with the hope he can reproduce his stylish club performances.

Madeley's versatility would be sadly missed. His injury could be the final crippling blow to England, whose prospects of reaching the last eight look as bleak as the windy and rain-soaked conditions in which they trained yesterday.

Trevor Francis, very much a part of Don Revie's England planning despite being prevented from making a single international appearance by a series of injuries, finally gets his chance tonight. The Birmingham City striker is included in a strong England under-23 side to meet Portugal at Crystal Palace. Unfortunately, Mr Revie will be in Lisbon with the full England side and will have to rely on the joint team managers, George Eastham and Gordon Banks, for a report on Francis.

A good performance by Francis, who seeks a transfer from his club, could mean a quick promotion to a first full cap for the youngster who was the talk of League football at 16. Francis is a class player of the type England need.

The team go into the game needing only a draw to reach the quarter-final round. They are unbeaten under the Eastham and Banks leadership, but disappointed in their recent draw in Czechoslovakia. They won 3—2 against Portugal in Lisbon.



Gerry Francis: keeping fit.

Mr Revie makes six changes from that side, recalling the West Ham United pair, Day and Tommy Taylor and bringing Francis, Johnson—the only over age player and full international in the party—Peter Taylor and Wilkins into the forward line.

Wilkins, Chelsea's 19-year-old captain, is another youngster seen as an important player for England in the future. He has come through the youth side, a course which Mr Revie believes is important to a successful England future and he has skill and vision.

"Wilkins has improved tremendously", Mr Revie said. "He has terrific confidence and ability and he wants nothing more than to win matches." Of the front three he said: "Francis and Taylor are in such good form at the moment, while Johnson has suffered a lot of injuries since he joined my squad. He should bring the best out of the other two."

TEAM: M. Day (West Ham United); J. Gidman (Aston Villa), T. Taylor (West Ham United), A. Dodd (Stoke City), A. Kennedy (Newcastle United), A. Towers (Sunderland, captain), R. Wilkins (Chelsea), D. Armstrong (Middlesbrough), T. Francis (Birmingham City), D. Johnson (Ipswich Town), P. Taylor (Crystal Palace). Substitutes: M. Wallington (Leicester City), I. Moores (Stoke City), P. Barnes (Manchester City), M. Buckley (Everton), D. Mills (Middlesbrough).

Today's fixtures

Under-23 international

England v Portugal (Crystal Palace FC, 7.30).

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Margate v Dunstable (7.15); Wealdstone v Hillingdon (7.30). First division (North): AP Leamington v King's Lynn (7.30).

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Netherfield v Lancaster (7.30); Skelmersdale v Fleetwood (7.30).

LONDON SENIOR CUP: First round (fourth replay): St Albans City v Hounslow (7.30).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Oxford University v Army (at Iffley Road, 2.0).

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Barking v Dagenham (7.30); Dulwich Hamlet v Leytonstone (7.30); Southall and EB v Wycombe Wanderers (7.30); Staines Town v Woking (7.30); Tooting & Mitcham v Clapton (7.30).

RUGBY UNION: Devonport Services v Plymouth Albion (7.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE: Floodlit Competition (second round): St Helen's v Hull Kingston Rovers.

Austrian accent on flexibility and aerial power

Vienna, Nov 17.—Branko Elsner, Austria's caretaker coach, today announced his team for the European championship match with Wales in Wrexham. The Austrians leave here tonight for Manchester. Elsner, a Yugoslav sports professor and lecturer, manages the Austrian champions Innsbruck. The team shows eight changes from the one who beat Wales in Vienna in September last year.

He said he had concentrated on the need for flexibility and power in the air in picking the side. The Austrians have been training for the past week in cold drizzle, regarded here as ideal preparation for British weather. Austria have to win, whereas Wales need only a draw to qualify.

TEAM: F. Koncilia (Innsbruck); R. Sara (Austria Wac), J. Winklbauer (Austria Salzburg), B. Pezzey (Innsbruck), W. Kriess (Innsbruck), H. Prohaska (Austria Wac), M. Steiner (Sturm Graz), H. Ettmayer (Hamburger SV), K. Welzl (Innsbruck), H. Frankl (Rapid Vienna), K. Jara (MSV Duisburg). Substitutes: E. Obermayer (Austria Wac), H. Strasser (Admira-Wacker), W. Walzer (Rapid Vienna), J. Sterling (Voest Linz).—Reuter.

Irish FA fined £900 for crowd incidents

Berne, Nov 17.—The European Football Union (UEFA) have fined the Football Association of Ireland about £900 because of crowd incidents at the Republic of Ireland's European championship match against Turkey last month.

UEFA's control and disciplinary committee, who met at the weekend, imposed the fine because Irish supporters hurled objects on to the pitch, interrupting play. The committee also banned Ireland's Mick Martin and Turkey's Eratli Alpaslan for three international matches each for being sent off for fouls during the game.

The match, played in Dublin on October 29, was held up twice in the second half when missiles were thrown—UEFA officials said they were stones and fruit—and the referee threatened at one stage to abandon the game. Turkey lodged an official protest.

A UEFA spokesman said the fine had also been imposed because of the Irish association's inadequate organization of the match, which Ireland won 4—0.—Reuter.

Luton chairman resigns

Luton Town's board room troubles erupted again yesterday when the chairman, Len Hawkins, resigned as a director, a week after two of his colleagues tried to unseat him. The club also confirmed yesterday that two other directors had resigned, Reg Burr, a London finance consultant, who had been on the board for eight years, and Richard Banks, a Bedfordshire grain merchant, who had been a director for six months.

Mr Hawkins said: "Two directors tried to get me to resign last week but I refused. But what could I do? The situation was impossible and I have decided to go quietly." A Luton director for 13 years Mr Hawkins was last week stripped of his powers by the board and replaced in everything but name by Denis Mortimer, who has the title of chief executive.

Luton have now lost four of their nine directors in the past week—the first to go was the comedian, Eric Morecambe, who left because television work left him no time to attend board meetings.

Derby County fly to Egypt on December 13 for a four-day winter break during which they will play a friendly in Cairo. They depart immediately after the league game against Queen's Park Rangers.

The draw for the first and second rounds of the Scottish Cup:

FIRST ROUND: Albion Rovers v Hawick Royal Albert; Elgin City v Forres Mechanics; Peterhead v Raith Rovers; Brechin City v Berwick Rovers; East Stirlingshire v Alloa Athletic; Stranraer v Queen's Park. To be played on December 13.

SECOND ROUND: Elgin or Forres v East Stirling or Alloa; Albion or Hawick v Glasgow University; Cowdenbeath v Selkirk; Stenhousemuir v Brechin or Berwick; Peterhead or Raith v Clydebank; Stranraer or Queen's Park v Keith; Forfar v Meadowbank; Stirling Albion v Civil Service Strollers. To be played on January 10.

Rugby League

Widnes appeal over Mills ban

A three-man Rugby League committee will meet in Leeds on Thursday to consider an appeal by Widnes against the suspension of their prop forward, Jim Mills, until January 2. He was banned after being sent off while playing for Wales against New Zealand in a world championship match on November 2.

Widnes are basing their appeal on the grounds that they are being punished for something which happened in an international, claiming that any suspension should not apply to club football.

Irish Davis Cup team

Ireland's Davis Cup team to play Egypt in Cairo on January 2, 3 and 4 next year will be Michael Hickey (Limerick), Jim McArdle (Dundalk), Kevin Menton (Dublin) and A. N. Other. Sean Sorensen (Cork) and last season's captain, Peter Leadbetter (Dublin), are among those in contention for the vacancy.

Show jumping

TORONTO: Prix des Nations: 1, United States 7 penalty pts; 2, France 15; 3, Canada 24; 4, Poland 28.

Tennis

BUENOS AIRES: Argentina championships: A. Panatta and P. Bertolucci beat J. Fassbender and H. Pohmann, 7—6, 6—7, 6—3.

Racing

Charlie Mouse's show of strength

By Michael Seely

Although David Morley has done so well with that brilliant mare, Calaba, on the flat this past season he is primarily known as a National Hunt trainer. Now in his third year the former assistant to Frank Cundell has over 30 jumpers in his care at Green Farm House, near Bury St Edmunds. The established stars of the stable are Banlieu, Rely and Raynham.

Banlieu was a force to be reckoned with in his four-year-old days when he won four races and finished second to Attivo in the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle. A really fine stamp of a horse possessing unlimited stamina allied to a redoubtable turn of foot Banlieu looked set fair to attain the heights last season, but after beating Supreme Halo in contemptuous fashion at Newbury in the autumn completely lost his form. He was gelded before the start of that campaign and Morley thinks that the operation may have taken more out of him than appeared at the time. Banlieu looked magnificent when I saw him in his box a fortnight ago. He jumped well when schooled over fences recently but is first to run in good class hurdle races to see if he has recaptured his ability.

Long distance events will be the target of Rely who, besides scoring twice in 1974, impressed as a young horse of great potential when chasing home Brown Lad in the Sun Alliance Novices hurdle at the National Hunt festival and again when finishing second to Moyne Royal in the Sardan Long Distance Novices Hurdle at Ascot. Rely broke down after that and was acid fired, but now seems as sound as a bell. His reappearance will be delayed until the ground is soft. A useful staying handicapper last season was Raynham, who won three of Morley's total of 30 races. Another to have shown promise when put over fences, Raynham can still win over hurdles off his present mark in the handicap.

This afternoon at Leicester Morley has a good chance of saddling three winners with Mezzofanti and Havanus in the two divisions of the Beginners Hurdle and Julian Swift in the Waltham Handicap Hurdle. Mezzofanti provided the first leg of a Morley treble at Folkestone last Tuesday when beating Charlie M by four lengths in a similar race. Not only is Mezzofanti beautifully bred, being by Levmoss out of a mare by Red God, but he also showed distinctly useful form on the flat. As a two-year-old he dead-heated with Nuthatch at Phoenix Park and was awarded the race after a stewards inquiry.

Mezzofanti also scored on the flat this summer in France. His ability over hurdles already proved, he seems to have little to fear from his opponents today. Havanus, belonging like Mezzofanti to Major Robert Hoare, runs in the second division. Also successful on the flat in France this season, Havanus has yet to race over hurdles but is reported to have shown proficiency at home.

It must be regarded as a pointer to his chance that he was declared overnight for the Aurelius Hurdle won by Cabar Feidh at Ascot on Saturday. Although he was withdrawn on the morning of the race as Morley considered the ground too firm, that was a much better class race than today's. The Southwell winner, Ordnance Hill, and Kobe, twice placed recently, are the only two rivals with form of any consequence. Julian Swift, who has Archetto and Creevelea to beat in the handicap hurdle, was also taken out at Ascot where he was to have run in the Black and White Hurdle.

The Leicestershire Silver Fox steeplechase yesterday afternoon was won in fluent style by Charlie Mouse, trained by Tim Forster at Wantage. Southern Lad made the early running but between the last two fences Charlie Mouse went to the front and sprinted away to win by eight lengths. His jockey, Graham Thorner, reported that the gelding jumped brilliantly and obviously Charlie Mouse is going to be a force to be reckoned with in the big handicaps this winter, provided the ground is not too heavy.

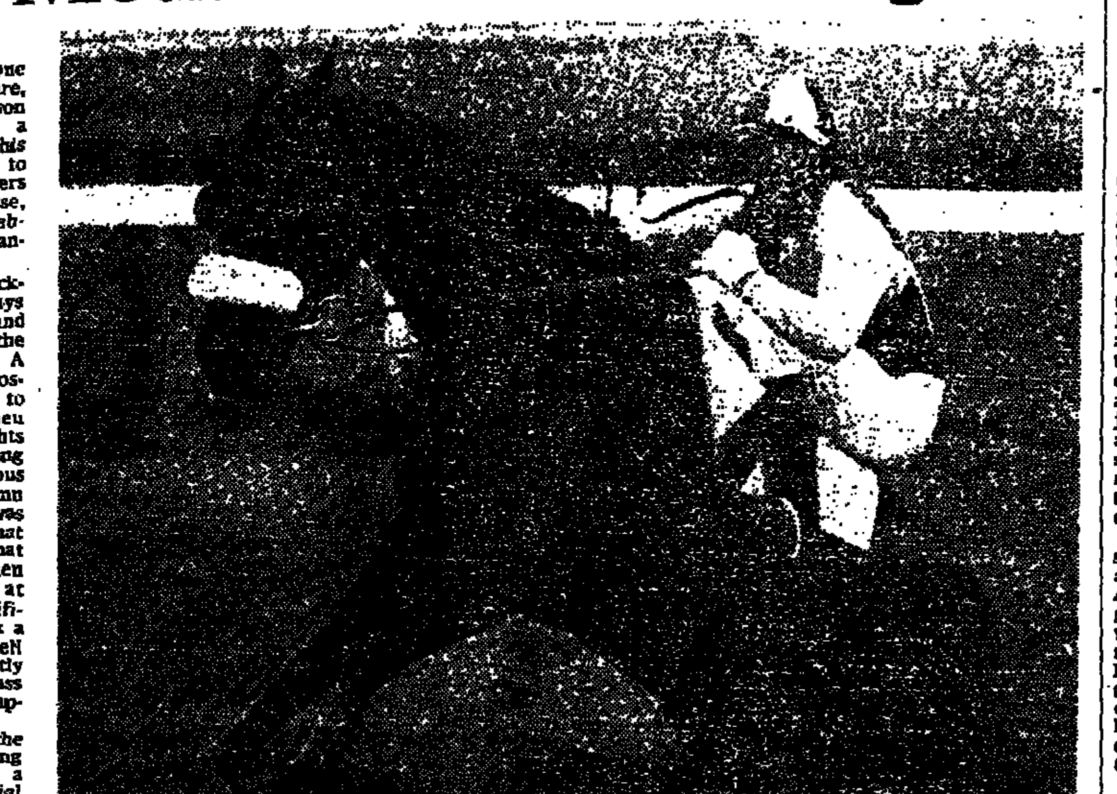
Although he won novice events at Newbury and Wolverhampton from moderate opponents in softish going last season, he ran badly in the Sun Alliance steeplechase behind Pengrail at Cheltenham. Charlie Mouse belongs to Mrs Victoria Wiggin, who must be one of the luckiest owners in racing. The five horses she has owned—Colonel Mustard, Mr Mouse, Rally Driver, Firebright and Charlie Mouse—have now won 16 races between them.

An amateur rider to shine yesterday was 19-year-old Joey Newton, who rode a cool waiting race on Hopeful Curtis to win the first division of the Stoughton Novices Hurdle. Trained and owned by the rider's mother, Mrs Ursula Newton, Hopeful Curtis was bought as a yearling from Walter Wharton. Although only five, Hopeful Curtis has already been hunted and also ran in a couple of point-to-points last spring. A model of consistency he has been placed in all his six outings over hurdles.

Newton enjoyed great success last season riding Credit Call, whose four victories included the Liverpool Foxhunters and the Horse and Hound Cup at Stratford on Avon. Mrs Newton says that Credit Call is in great heart again, as is Librarian, whom she bought from Credit Call's previous owner, Christopher Collins this summer.

The easiest easy winner yesterday was the Peter Easterby trained Leros, who won the Satchville Handicap Hurdle, by 12 lengths. Belonging to John Gordon Spriggs, who has had horses with the Easterby brothers for 14 years, Leros also won well at Nottingham last week.

William Hill have issued a list of prices for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury on Saturday. They make Tamalin their favourite at 5-1. They then go 6-1 Rough House. Credo's Daughter, Noble Neptune, 8-1 Red Rum, Moonlight Escapade, Cuckolder. If the rains continue to fall Tamalin could well start at shorter odds on Saturday.



Bob Champion down on his luck as Goldburg sits it out at Leicester.

John Francome, the current leading NH jockey, was suspended from riding for seven days at a Jockey Club inquiry in London yesterday. Francome, whose ban runs from today until November 24 inclusive, was suspended under Rule 151 (ii) which states that "the rider of every horse shall take all reasonable and permissible measures throughout the race to ensure that his horse is given a full opportunity to win or of obtaining the best possible placing".

STATE OF GOING (official): Leicester: Hurdles, good; steeplechase, good to firm. Devon: Hurdles, good; steeplechase, good to firm. Teesside Park: Good. Fontwell Park (tomorrow): good to soft. Worcester (tomorrow): good to firm. Sedgefield (tomorrow): good.

Dancing Ned to make light of extra weight

By Jim Snow

The pattern is assuming the usual form in National Hunt racing in the north. Arthur Stephenson, Gordon Richards, Ken Oliver, Neville Crump and the Easterby brothers have been turning out the winners in the past month. In the saddle the champion jockey, Tommy Stack, John O'Neill, the two Tinkler brothers, Colin and Nigel, who can both go to scale at 9st 7lb, have been pushing up their totals more or less every day. Ron Barry, now freelance after two seasons as champion jockey, is doing well at northern and southern meetings. The standard of race riding in the north is extremely high, in contrast to that on the flat, with the exception of a few names.

Gordon Richards's Cumberland stable is making the running, and at some speed, from that of Arthur Stephenson. Richards suggested to me two months ago when he had saddled a winner on the flat, that he felt more than a little hopeful that he would reach the hundred mark. He is already coming towards his half century, his score boosted by four yesterday at Ayr (three ridden by O'Neill).

At Teesside Park today his Lord of the Hills, winner of his past three races, handicaps at Hexham and Carlisle and a qualifying race for the Embassy Premier Steeplechase at Ayr, should give the weight to his five rivals in the John Jorrocks Handicap Steeplechase. Of those below him the best may be Francophile, beaten three lengths by him at Hexham last week but now 10lb better handicapped. This is a generous advantage for three lengths, and provided they both get round the three miles, the finish could be close between them.

Dancing Ned, winner of his past two races for Arthur Stephenson and Stack, carries a 6lb penalty in the Handley Cross Handicap, over two miles, but this takes him up to only 10st 13lb, and last week at Kelso he won over two miles six furlongs with 10st 10lb. Canharis, winner of six races for Lord Zetland up to last season when he had leg trouble and ran only once, is now completely sound. His best distance is three miles and Neville Crump will be happy to see him get round safely.

Canharis has to give 3lb to Dancing Ned, but in view of the long time he has spent away from a racecourse, except for the one appearance last season, it is hard to see him defeating Arthur Stephenson's horse. A trouble-free run this afternoon is what Lord Zetland and Neville Crump hope to see.

Cumbria, another possible winner for Stephenson and Stack, has in four races won once and been second three times. He should have another success in the James Pigg Novices Steeplechase. I like the chance of Michael Easterby's three-year-old, Safari Sovereign, in the Miss Belinda Novices Hurdle.

Safari Sovereign is the only winner in the field, and there appeared to be little stable confidence behind him when he won at Carlisle in September. His starting price was 16-1. It can be assumed that he was considered by Easterby on the backward side when he won then, and he would have to show only reasonable improvement to win again.

The Ginger Horse, the only winner this season in the field for the first division of the Cowley Novices Hurdle at Devon and Exeter, is preferred to Bob Bunker and Black Auster. The second division may go to Cochineal. In his two races, both on this course, he showed promise enough to be marked down as a winner of a novice hurdle before long.

Prescott, Winged Dagger, and Croome probably hold the soundest chances on form in the Talaton Handicap Hurdle. The selection is Prescott, a winner and placed four times in his five races. Irish Scholar, a course and distance winner, can be given a first rate chance of gaining his fifth victory this season in the three mile one furlong Twysden Challenge Cup Handicap Steeplechase.

Great Balcony highest

Alex Yermakov's Great Balcony, a three-year-old colt who won two races on the flat this season, fetched the top price of 4,000 guineas at the Ascot November sales yesterday to the bid of the Gloucestershire trainer, David Nicholson. The colt was bought for an undisclosed patron. Yermakov who recently bought the Westerly Stud Farm in California, submitted a consignment of six horses.

He received 3,300 guineas for Great Reviews, who like Great Balcony, is by First Balcony. The purchaser was the Welsh trainer-jockey, "Taffy" Salaman, who bought the three-year-old for a retired businessman, Jack King, a new owner.

Lambourn Bloodstock Services were busy on behalf of foreign clients. Their agent, Adrian Clegg, went to 2,100 guineas for Raffia.

Leicester programme

1.0 BEGINNERS' HURDLE (Div I: 3-y-o: £340: 2m)

1 210 Grecian Fighter (D) (Mrs J. Hall), A. Dent, 11-3 .. J. James
2 1 Mezzofanti (R. Hoare), D. Morley, 11-3 .. B. R. Davies
3 Adrona (W. Astbury), H. Westbrook, 10-10 .. I. Watkinson
4 Brenn (Mrs D. Nicholson), D. Nicholson, 10-10 .. J. Suthern
5 Casslo (W. Chapman), K. Ivory, 10-10 .. T. Bridge 5
6 Charles Swift (Sir W. Pennington-Ramsden), D. Morley, 10-10 .. G. Wilson 7
8 0442 Divine Lad (D. Coller), E. Magner, 10-10 .. K. Gray 3
9 C04 Dolben Lad (P. Day), J. Harris, 10-10 .. D. Nicholson 7
10 Eastlandtattoo (W. Wardle), B. Cambidge, 10-10 .. B. Fletcher
11 Elaines My Queen (B. Owen), T. Healey, 10-10 .. R. Dickin 3
12 Flash Lass (F. Wiles), F. Wiles, 10-10 .. S. Wiles 7
13 Flashover (M. Marlow), H. Wragg, 10-10 .. S. Jobar
16 Grange Prince (A. Grogan), A. Jarvis, 10-10 Mr J. Docker 5
17 Graphite (Mrs M. Boslock), A. Fisher, 10-10 .. D. Sunderland
18 Hygias (R. Cookson), M. Tate, 10-10 .. R. R. Evans
19 Karri-Ha-Pa (P. Harper), J. Hardy, 10-10 .. R. Stainsby 7
21 00 Lookin Good (Mrs B. Anderson), S. Mellor, 10-10 .. J. Glover
24 Night Messenger (D. Billings), C. Miller, 10-10 D. Cartwright
25 0 Oaksam Lass (M. Chapman), M. Chapman, 10-10
27 00 Ozaki (T. Jenks), W. Clay, 10-10 .. N. Clay 5
29 Pelham Wood (C. Weeks), R. Armytage, 10-10 Mr S. Parkyn 3
31 0400 Piu (J. Woolley), D. Quartermaine, 10-10 .. L. Powell 7
32 Premier Cru (A. Blackman), B. Cambidge, 10-10
33 Sheebeen (Mrs C. Keeling), W. Stephenson, 10-10 .. M. Gifford
34 4 Supafrag (P. Smith), B. Cambidge, 10-10
38 20 Tidal Wave (G. Lloyd), A. Jarvis, 10-10 .. P. Blacker
39 f Viportion (D. Brereton), L. Barratt, 10-10 .. A. K. Taylor

5-4 Mezzofanti, 7-2 Hygias, 4-1 Flashover, 8-1 Divine Lad, 12-1 Tidal Wave, 14-1 Night Messenger, 20-1 others.

1.30 BARKBY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £340: 2m)

2 p0000-0 State Visitor (F. Baldrey), M. Oliver, 12-11-10 .. P. Blacker
3 13f24-p Organized Chaos (C. Peter-Robyns), G. P.-Robyns, 10-11-6 .. W. Shoemark
7 p042 Glenland (D) (F. Scotto), A. Kemp, 8-11-3 .. V. Percival
8 002200 Kilninian (Mrs M. Pulleyn), M. Tate, 6-11-2 Mr J. Docker 5
9 133020 Any Prince (D) (Mrs R. McAlpine), W. Francis, 10-11-0 .. A. K. Taylor 3
12 040p0 Pallshot (H. O'Neill), H. O'Neill, 9-10-8 .. R. Weaver
13 30-2400 Walden Rights (D) (T. Hough), F. Wiles, 10-10-7 .. S. Wiles 7
15 334000- Mighty Mogul (W. Stephenson), W. Stephenson, 8-10-5 .. C. Macauley 7
17 000-0p3 Penfort (Mrs R. German), H. O'Neill, 10-10-2 .. H. J. Evans 3
18 400000 Markus (R. Richmond), B. Richmond, 13-10-1 .. P. James
19 0p00- Nordell (R. Lloyd), R. Lloyd, 8-10-0 .. Mr A. Lloyd 7
20 00 10 Nobscot (Mrs D. Bridgett), P. Bridgett, 8-10-0 Mr C. Bridgett 7
21 4302-00 Sister Pat (P. Ryan), E. Magner, 4-10-0 .. K. Gray 3

3-1 Glenland, 7-2 Penfort, 9-2 Any Prince, 6-1 Walden Rights, 8-1 Organized Chaos, 12-1 State Visitor, 16-1 others.

2.0 MEASHAM STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £900: 3m)

1 1u1340- Glanford Brigg (D) (P. Harper), J. Hardy, 9-12-7 .. —
2 fff4p-0 Bentley Boy (CD) (H. Gibbon), D. Nicholson, 10-10-11 .. J. Suthern
6 404-1 Jolly's Clump (D) (R. Hutchison), Thomson Jones, 9-10-0 .. I. Watkinson

Evens Glanford Brigg, 11-8 Jolly's Clump, 5-1 Bentley Boy.

2.30 SILEBY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £340: 2m)

2 421112 Warm Welcome (Mrs E. Gaze), Mrs E. Gaze, 6-11-13 R. Mangan
3 1-23341 Napoleon (D) (C. Neale), F. Cundell, 8-11-10 M. O'Halloran 3
5 000413 Pollock Fair (D) (J. South), J. Harris, 9-11-0 .. D. Nicholson 7
6 102134 Goldy's Boy (D) (J. Rose), S. Palmer, 9-10-8 .. J. Marshall
7 00303-b Tabby (F. Quibell), J. Bower, 9-10-7 .. P. McCardle

7-4 Warm Welcome, 5-2 Napoleon, 7-2 Pollock Fair, 6-1 Goldy's Boy, 9-1 Tabby.

3.0 WALTHAM HURDLE (Handicap: £680: 2m)

1 00101-0 Malford Grove (CD) (J. Parker), A. Birch, 7-12-2 .. S. Eccles 5
2 11pp-00 Davieson (D) (G. Wyse), W. Clay, 4-11-7 .. N. Clay 5
3 f00- Andy Scott (CD) (Mrs J. Holmes), T. Gillam, 7-11-7 B. Fletcher
4 414130- Hilarity (D) (W. Cox), D. Morley, 4-11-3 .. A. Coogan 7
6 34130-4 Julian Swift (D) (Sir W. Pennington-Ramsden), D. Morley, 5-10-9 B. R. Davies
7 1200p-0 Beau Slaney (CD) (A. Grogan), A. Jarvis, 4-10-8 P. Blacker
8 p Orgone (D) (R. Wright), R. Wright, 8-10-7 .. Mr J. Wright 7
9 020120- High Jump (D) (R. Clarke), M. Tate, 4-10-7 .. R. R. Evans
10 443130- Behest (D) (E. Warren), C. Miller, 4-10-5 .. D. Cartwright
11 40100- Suffer in Silence (T. Warner), D. Gandolfo, 6-10-3 W. Shoemark
12 32340-1 Archetto (D) (Mrs J. Hardy), J. Hardy, 5-10-1 .. J. Thomson 7
14 140-233 Creevelea (D) (A. Dickinson), J. Harris, 4-10-0 .. S. Holland
17 000-30 Merhorious (D) (Lady F. Hanmer), F. Dever, 5-10-0 J. Glover

9-4 Julian Swift, 4-1 Creevelea, 11-2 Behest, 7-1 High Jump, 8-1 Archetto, 10-1 Hilarity, 12-1 Malford Grove, 14-1 others.

3.30 BEGINNERS' HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o: £340: 2m)

1 1 Ordnance Hill (D) (R. Reeder), R. Westbrook, 11-3 I. Watkinson
2 Broad Oak Ranger (B. Owen), T. Healey, 10-10 .. R. Dickin 3
3 Buckleap (G. Davies), M. Scudamore, 10-10 .. P. Duggins 7
4 Captain Nolan (Mrs A. Loynd), A. Jarvis, 10-10 .. P. Blacker
8 Cloud Smoke (P. Harper), J. Hardy, 10-10 .. S. Johnson 7
10 Derry Veagh (R. Hitchman), A. Jarvis, 10-10 Mr J. Docker 5
11 Gay Whistle (C. Perk), R. Hollinshead, 10-10 .. C. Astbury
13 Havanus (R. Hoare), D. Morley, 10-10 .. B. R. Davies
17 King's Oracle (R. Crosby), R. Crosby, 10-10 .. S. Marshall 7
18 Kinvaston (G. Cantrill), B. Cambidge, 10-10 .. B. Fletcher
19 22 Kobe (C. Wright), D. Quartermaine, 10-10 .. L. Powell 7
20 Macroona (Mrs R. Hanbury), D. Ringer, 10-10 .. —
22 0 Miss Contrary (R. Pitman), Mrs R. Pitman, 10-10 Mr B. Smart
25 0 Prebihas (H. Chapman), D. Nicholson, 10-10 .. J. Suthern
26 0 Riberone (L. Fleming), D. Morley, 10-10 .. R. Goldstein 7
27 Screecher (L. Cramer), B. Lunness, 10-10 .. C. Young 7
28 400 Top Portion (C. Gilest), A. Fisher, 10-10
29 0 Try Rocking (Kent), A. Bacon, 10-10 .. G. Shaw
30 Valanty (F. Harris), K. Bailey, 10-10 .. D. Sunderland
31 Western Gambler (A. Price), K. Bridgwater, 10-10 A. Mawson

11-4 Ordnance Hill, 3-1 Havanus, 9-2 Prebihas, 6-1 Kobe, 8-1 Riberone, 10-1 Screecher, 14-1 others.

Leicester selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.0 MEZZOFANTI is specially recommended. 1.30 Glenland. 2.0 Glanford Brigg. 2.30 Warm Welcome. 3.0 Julian Swift. 3.30 Havanus.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.00 Mezzofanti. 2.0 Jolly's Clump. 3.0 Julian Swift. 3.30 Ordnance Hill.

Teesside Park programme

1.15 CHARLIE STOBBS HURDLE (Handicap: £306: 2m 176yds)

2 0034-40 Esterel (CD) (L. Nicholson), C. Tinkler, 5-11-7 N. Tinkler
3 p-12330 Pub Crawl (J. Vickers), Vickers, 6-11-7 .. J. Mooney 7
4 0-13 Fair Cop (J. Pickavance), S. Nesbitt, 5-11-5 .. K. McCauley
5 0400-01 Lickadoon (Mrs M. Ridge), R. Bastiman, 6-11-10 .. C. Tinkler
8 00p0p-2 Aegean Song (G. Richards), Richards, 4-10-11 .. J. O'Neill
9 0300p2- Viaduct (R. McDonald), W. Atkinson, 6-10-10 .. G. Griffin
10 002400 Broomstone (A. Thomason), M. Naughton, 4-10-5 C. Hawkins 7
11 1-s0f Celtic Gwen (Miss J. Miller), D. Williams, 4-10-5 P. Broderick
13 000304 Misty Dream (C. Line), G. Wallace, 5-10-4 .. Mr J. Kerley
14 0p000p- Micky Acklam (C. Dukes), Dukes, 5-10-2 .. M. Lowry 7
15 p0-0000 Racionzer (A. Collins), W. Atkinson, 5-10-2 .. P. Mangan
16 000-030 The Specialist (R. Baggaley), P. Felgate, 4-10-1 .. R. Crank
17 000-340 Solitus (R. Harness), R. Stubbs, 6-10-0 .. S. Charlton 7
18 r40-004 Last Attempt (W. Hobson), B. Richmond, 5-10-0 .. —
19 040-4r0 Persian Way (C. Stephenson), D. Yeoman, 4-10-0 .. G. Holmes

4-1 Lickadoon, 9-2 Pub Crawl, 5-1 Aegean Song, 6-1 Fair Cop, 8-1 Esterel, Last Attempt, 10-1 Misty Dream, 12-1 Racionzer, Solitus, 16-1 others.

1.45 HANDLEY CROSS STEEPLECHASE (£434: 2m)

1 024120- Young Somers (CD) (A. Thomason), A. Dickinson, 9-11-7 .. M. Dickinson
2 4- Canharis (D) (Ld Zetland), N. Crump, 10-11-2 .. D. Atkins
3 2f4-311 Dancing Ned (C) (J. Britton), W. A. Stephenson, 7-10-13 .. T. Stack
5 340-112 Fidler On The Hoof (D) (H Zelsel), K. Oliver, 6-10-11 C. Tinkler
9 100f-pp Winter Folly (L. Pick), D. Chapman, 9-10-0 .. K. McCauley

6-4 Dancing Ned, 2-1 Young Somers, 3-1 Fidler on the Hoof, 10-1 Canharis, 25-1 Winter Folly.

2.15 MR SPONGE HURDLE (Handicap: 2m 176yds)

1 1310- Solid Silver (Mrs K. Newton), F. Carr, 6-12-7 .. M. Blackshaw
2 2120-01 Cobblers March (Mrs H. Logan), T. Craig, 8-11-6 .. J. Mooney 7
3 10f-022 Night Talk (CD) (Mrs M. Clayton), P. Felgate, 4-11-0 R. Crank
5 21-f632 Tanora (J. Manners), Denys Smith, 6-10-13 .. A. Dickman
7 20000-0 Marcus Lady (CD) (C. Lamb), Lamb, 6-10-7 .. R. Lamb
10 004424- Jinks Farewell (Exors of the late W. Simpson), Mrs J. Simpson 6-10-3 .. A. Meaney
11 000-0 Carmoni Prince (CD) (Mrs R. Taylor), G. Richards, 5-10-3 .. J. O'Neill
15 000u2-4 Nelka (T. Barron), Barron, 5-10-0 .. R. Collins 7
16 22f13 Epineuse (Sir R. Renwick), G. Fairbairn, 6-10-0 .. R. Barry
17 0420-03 Nambour (A. Allen), W. A. Stephenson, 5-10-0 .. T. Stack

5-2 Epineuse, 7-2 Cobblers March, 5-1 Solid Silver, 6-1 Tanora, 8-1 Night Talk, 10-1 Nambour, Nelka, 16-1 others.

2.45 JAMES PIGG NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE (£306: 2½m)

1 10-2122 Cumbria (Mrs H. Waite), W. A. Stephenson, 5-11-11 .. T. Stack
3 3- Border Rag (D. Thomson), Thomson, 7-11-7 .. R. Lamb
5 Guiding Star (T. Winterton), A. Dickinson, 6-11-7 M. Dickinson
7 113003- The Shining Lad (J. O'Riordan), J. Fitzgerald, 10-11-7 .. J. Crowley
10 0f42ff- Corrie Brig (Mrs G. Fairbairn), G. Fairbairn, 7-11-2 R. Barry
11 Inistioge (M. H. Easterby), Easterby, 6-11-2 .. P. Broderick
12 0322-23 Kathys Boy (Mrs M. MacArthur), D. Doyle, 6-11-2 .. J. Doyle
13 00040-0 Kilgeris (R. Nisbet), L. Shedden, 5-10-13 .. P. Salmon 7
14 Lucky Mac (D. Garraton), Garraton, 5-10-13 .. —
15 000-0 Clifton House (P. Muldoon), G. Richards, 4-10-4 .. F. Leevy

7-4 Cumbria, 4-1 Guiding Star, 9-2 Kathys Boy, 13-2 The Shining Lad, 8-1 Border Rag, 10-1 Clifton House, 12-1 Corrie Brig, Inistioge, 20-1 others.

3.15 JOHN JORROCKS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £433: 3m)

2 10-p111 Lord of the Hills (Mrs C. Berry), G. Richards, 8-10-13 .. D. Goulding
3 00000-2 Francophile (S. Powell), C. Lamb, 10-10-1 .. R. Lamb
5 000- Fanackapan (Miss M. Mackay), W. A. Stephenson, 9-10-0 .. —
6 200-034 Scout (A. Allen), W. A. Stephenson, 9-10-0 .. T. Stack
7 13000-f Clicquot Signal (E. Hunter), R. Wilkinson, 8-10-0 .. J. O'Neill

5-4 Lord of the Hills, 2-1 Francophile, 5-1 Clicquot Signal, 6-1 Scout, 16-1 Fanackapan.

3.45 MISS BELINDA NOVICES' HURDLE (3-y-o: £306: 2m 176yds)

2 01 Safari Sovereign (Miss M. Dawson), M. W. Easterby, 11-5 .. C. Tinkler
3 u23 Another Morley (L. Sloan), D. Yeoman, 10-12 .. G. Holmes
4 0 Arcilsa (C. Lamb), Lamb, 10-12 .. R. Lamb
5 Bill Cawgraves (R. Quincey), F. Carr, 10-12 .. M. Blackshaw
6 Crime Buster (J. Pickavance), S. Nesbitt, 10-12 .. J. O'Neill
7 Dark Alfred (G. Deverell), R. Wilkinson, 10-12 .. D. Atkins
8 0 Deighton Prince (G. Berry), R. Bastiman, 10-12 .. M. Dickinson
10 Gipsy Silver (N. Chamberlain), Chamberlain, 10-12 D. Goulding
12 Hedgewood (B. Platts), Platts, 10-12 .. R. Barry
13 Midao (G. Pratt), M. H. Easterby, 10-12 .. P. Broderick
14 Milbil (W. Lowrie), F. Carr, 10-12 .. P. Harman 7
15 0 Misted (H. Reiss), M. W. Easterby, 10-12 .. P. Maddison 7
16 03 Nest Egg (Mrs S. Hansell), Denys Smith, 10-12 .. A. Dickman
19 Pagliacci (L. Javes), J. Fitzgerald, 10-12 .. G. Griffin
20 Palace (W. Dixon), W. A. Stephenson, 10-12 .. G. Faulkner 7
21 0 Piggy Bank (Mrs J. Turner), W. A. Stephenson, 10-12 .. R. Collins 7
23 Ray of Ollies (R. Peers), F. Carr, 10-12 .. A. Houghton 7
25 100 Regents Choice (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 10-12 T. Stack
26 Solo Spy (F. Akeroyd), F. Wiles, 10-12 .. M. Barnes
27 04 Some Fella (D. Chapman), Chapman, 10-12 .. K. McCauley
28 Tiver Feet (T. Littleton), T. Fairhurst, 10-12 .. C. Fairhurst 7
29 0 Wood Fairy (Miss J. Day), G. Fairbairn, 10-12 .. D. Munro

5-2 Nest Egg, 4-1 Safari Sovereign, 5-1 Another Morley, 8-1 Bill Cawgraves, Regents Choice, 12-1 Dark Alfred, Midao, 14-1 Pagliacci, Ray of Ollies, 20-1 others.

Teesside Park selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.15 Aegean Song. 1.45 DANCING NED is specially recommended. 2.15 Tanora. 2.45 Cumbria. 3.15 Lord of the Hills. 3.45 Safari Sovereign.

Devon and Exeter selections

By Our Racing Staff

12.45 The Ginger Horse. 1.15 Latan Silver. 1.45 Prescott. 2.15 Minnlegaff. 2.45 Irish Scholar. 3.15 Cochineal.

Devon and Exeter programme

12.45 COWLEY HURDLE (Div I: novices: £340: 2m 40yd)

1 30-4 Black Auster (L. Merson), Merson, 5-11-7 .. P. Richards 7
2 02 Bob Bunker (A. Mildmay-White), G. Doidge, 6-11-7 .. Mr A. Mildmay-White 5
4 0400-0a Cash Bonanza (M. Buckley), P. Bailey, 6-11-7 .. J. King
5 3 Eastern Light (T. Fowler), Fowler, 5-11-7 .. P. Leach 7
6 00000-p Indium (H. Handel), Handel, 6-11-7 .. —
7 Joint Account (N. Ayliffe), Ayliffe, 7-11-7 .. Mr M. Ayliffe 7
8 0-0 Plummel (G. Tanner), J. Wardle, 5-11-7 .. K. White
9 00-0004 Proceed (Dr P. Green), D. Barons, 5-11-7 .. —
11 Vast Mistake (Mrs J. Old), J. Old, 9-11-7 .. Mr M. Bown 7
12 fpfp0-f Vicky Joe II (H. Wakeham), Wakeham, 8-11-7 Mr P. Wakeham 7
13 .40 Zimmer (Mrs L. Scott), D. Scott, 6-11-7 .. Mr P. Hobbs 5
14 1 The Ginger Horse (Admin of the late P. Blackburn), Miss S. Morris, 4-11-5 P. Keane 5
16 p000-0 Apprehend (Exors of the late A. Parke), P. Cowley, 4-11-0 .. Mr A. Wilson
17 4 Boxing Match (R. Godwin), T. Yarnold, 4-11-0 .. R. Hyett
19 0010-00 Daldi (J. Baker), Baker, 4-11-0 .. Mr J. Roberts 7
20 Fiery Frances (P. Leigh), J. Bradley, 4-11-0 .. M. Williams 5
21 — Hard Liquor (R. Moores), L. Cottrell, 4-11-0 .. J. Guest
23 0022 Limner (W. H. Jones), Jones, 4-11-0 .. T. Walshe 3
24 00-00 Melvern (F. Miller), D. Barons, 4-11-0 .. S. May
25 0 Roman Child (B. Minty), J. Haine, 4-11-0 .. J. Haine

5-2 The Ginger Horse, 4-1 Zimmer, 11-2 Limner, 7-1 Plummel, 9-1 Bob Bunker, 10-1 Proceed, 12-1 Boxing Match, 14-1 Hard Liquor, Cash Bonanza, 16-1 Joint Account, 25-1 others.

1.15 NETHEREXE STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £340: 2m 3f)

2 003423- Clifton Fair (L. Heywood), Mrs E. Kennard, 6-11-9 .. Mr P. Hobbs 5
3 30f00-0 Dave's Choice (Mrs J. Old), J. Old, 6-11-9 .. C. Candy
4 p0-fpuf Kerry Spirit (Admin of the late P. Blackburn), Miss S. Morris 11-11-9 P. Dunstan 7
5 003 Latan Silver (B. Payne), Payne, 7-11-9 .. N. Flanagan
6 0pp02-f Rosbay (G. Retter), L. Cottrell, 6-11-9 .. P. Warner
8 2p-b Take Cover (J. Brown), Brown, 8-11-9 .. C. Brown 7
9 .00 Winter Cash (T. Burts), J. Wardle, 10-11-9 .. K. White
10 .00 Port Dancer (T. Pocock), R. Pocock, 5-11-7 .. R. Champion

11-4 Clifton Fair, 4-1 Rosbay, 5-1 Take Cover, 13-2 Port Dancer, 8-1 Kerry Spirit, 10-1 Latan Silver, 12-1 Winter Cash, Dave's Choice.

1.45 TALATON HURDLE (Handicap: £680: 2m 40yd)

1 3104-10 Brief Chance (G. McBride), P. Bailey, 5-11-7 .. J. King
2 02-1004 Liniam (Mrs D. Meats), D. Barons, 4-11-5 .. S. May
3 4100-00 Staraigo (Miss A. Falgon), D. H. Jones, 6-11-4 .. —
4 14131-0 My Captain (R. Mildmay-White), G. Doidge, 6-11-3 N. Wakley
5 034-331 Croome (Mrs G. Phipps), D. Barons, 5-11-3 .. K. White
7 0-00210 Action Replay (CD) (H. Handel), Handel, 7-10-11 .. Mr M. Ayliffe 7
8 p00300- Coffinvaba (G. Lloyd), D. R. Jones, 5-10-11 .. T. Walshe 3
10 10302- Regal Flight (L. Merson), Merson, 5-10-6 .. Mr P. Hobbs 5
12 2009-ru Randy Brandy (CD) (G. Wilkinson), J. Cann, 5-10-4 .. S. G. Knight 7
13 04-01 Winged Dagger (CD) (W. Perry), J. Old, 6-10-3 C. Candy
14 pp-000 Protam (Mrs K. Pipe), K. Pipe, 7-10-2 .. Mr M. Reeves 5
17 4-12332 Prescott (CD) (H. Dillington), G. Balding, 4-10-0 R. C. Bailey
18 300103- Double Mint (S. Mitchell), D. Barons, 4-10-0 .. M. Barrett 7

5-2 Croome, 3-1 Winged Dagger, 5-1 Brief Chance, 13-2 Action Replay, 8-1 Liniam, My Captain, 10-1 Prescott, Regal Flight, 12-1 Double Mint, 14-1 Randy Brandy, 20-1 others.

2.15 FARRINGDON HURDLE (Handicap: £306: 2m 40yd)

1 p0-00b2 The Hickey Column (H. Dowson), M. McCourt, 6-11-1 .. Mr G. McCourt 7
2 4p0100 Probphoon (CD) (Mrs T. Underhill), J. Thorne, 6-11-6 .. R. Linley
3 314-040 Purple Emperor (B. Howard), G. Balding, 5-11-5 .. Mr M. Keegans 7
4 2340 April in Norton (W. Osbaldeston), D. H. Jones, 6-11-3 .. K. White
5 200-300 Sea Picture (F. Gorman), Gorman, 6-11-4 .. Mr D. Curn 7
6 000-243 Minnlegaff (D. Laney), S. Cole, 5-10-13 .. J. Francome
7 000-403 Dance Hard (D. Mort), J. Bradley, 6-10-13 .. Mr M. Les 7
8 0p0- Swiss Cottage (T. Baker), J. Baker, 4-10-0 .. John Williams
9 1-000-00Star of Cranford (W. Tanton), Tanton, 5-10-0 .. P. Leach 7
11 0000-0 Moss Way (Dr A. Jones), Jones, 4-10-0 .. G. Williams

2-1 The Hickey Column, 100-30 Minnlegaff, 9-2 Dance Hard, 8-1 Purple Emperor, 8-1 Probphoon, 10-1 April in Norton, 12-1 Sea Picture, 20-1 others.

2.45 TWYSDEN CUP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £680: 3m 1f)

2 p133-22 Redders Boy (D) (A. Hobbs), Hobbs, 11-11-8 .. Mr P. Hobbs 5
3 p11111 Irish Scholar (CD) (K. May), J. Thorne, 8-11-7 .. R. Linley
4 pu100-f Star Beauty (Mrs V. Robertson), N. Wakley, 7-11-5 N. Wakley
5 340-421 Just the Job (D) (A. Wiseman), D. Gandolfo, 10-11-4 .. G. Thorner
6 443f-43 Spittin Image (Mrs M. Welch), M. Scudamore, 9-11-4 .. A. Turnell
7 .p1p- Hawaian Maiden (H. Wakeham), Wakeham, 8-11-3 .. Mr P. Wakeham
8 121f1-u Flippant Fred (CD) (D. Hebditch), L. Kennard, 8-11-3 .. E. Wright
10 .50p-4 *Cinvultrist (G. Bach), Bach, 9-10-3 .. G. McNally
11 p030-30 Westerly Winds (D) (S. Hill), Hill, 10-10-5 .. J. Burke
12 pp-3434 Hewood Lad (CD) (T. Quick), G. Small, 10-10-0 .. Mr M. Reeves

5-2 Irish Scholar, 4-1 Redders Boy, 5-1 Spittin Image, 7-1 Just the Job, 8-1 Star Beauty, 10-1 Flippant Fred, 12-1 Westerly Winds, 16-1 others.

3.15 COWLEY HURDLE (Div II: novices: £340: 2m 40yd)

1 (100 Hesperian (R. Hall), J. Thorne, 5-11-12 .. —
2 Bell's Lad (R. Cavell), P. Cowley, 5-11-7 .. Mr A. Wilson
3 0023-44 Cochineal (Miss B. Lea-Smith), T. Forster, 7-11-7 .. G. Thorner
5 3- Gifted Girl (D. Tucker), H. Payne, 5-11-7 .. N. Flanagan
6 fr0413- Golden Tales (J. Payne), Payne, 5-11-7 .. John Williams
8 0 My Bid (Admin of the late P. Blackburn), Miss S. Morris, 5-11-7 .. P. Keane 5
9 Port Quibo (H. Duder), L. Cottrell, 5-11-7 .. J. Guest
10 300p- Roman Fanfare (A. Mildmay-White), G. Doidge, 5-11-7 .. Mr A. Mildmay-White 5
11 00-3310 Happy God (N. Gibson), D. H. Jones, 4-11-5 .. T. Walshe 3
12 11 Pen Mill (CD) (Mrs C. Greenslade), G. Balding, 4-11-5 .. R. Linley
14 200000- Desert Gold (Mrs M. Blackmore), L. Kennard, 4-11-0 .. C. Jones
15 Fabian Song (L. Thomas), Thomas, 4-11-0 .. M. Barrett
16 0-fp0f Hazel Tor (Mrs M. Douglas-Pennant), D. Barons, 4-11-0 .. S. May
17 0 Justino (Mrs M. Edwards), D. Barons, 4-11-0 .. —
18 Percussion (Miss D. Robinson), M. McCourt, 4-11-0 K. White
19 000 Poplar Wood (J. Dufosee), Dufosee, 4-11-0 .. S. Job
20 00 Rosie Whisper (J. Gibson), Gibson, 4-11-0 .. M. Gibson
21 0030-b3 Silver Rondo (M. Gray), Mrs E. Kennard, 4-11-0 Mr C. Gray
23 00-p040 Superlative Prince (J. Gadsdon), Gadsdon, 4-11-0 T. Hallett
24 0-04 Trio J (G. MacDonald), D. Gandolfo, 4-11-0 .. P. Barton

3-1 Cochineal, 4-1 Trio J, 11-2 Silver Rondo, 13-2 Hesperian, 8-1 Pen Mill, 9-1 Happy God, 10-1 My Bid, 12-1 Gifted Girl, Desert Gold, 14-1 Justino, Port Quibo, 16-1 Roman Fanfare, 20-1 others.

* Doubtful runner.

Leicester results

1.0 (1.2) STOUGHTON HURDLE (Div I: novices: £340: 2m)

Hopeful Curtis, b h, by Flying Curtis—Hopeful Star (Mrs R. Newton), 5-10-12 .. Mr J. Newton (6-1) 1
Tenecoon, b g, by Tycoon II—Tenelee (F. Smith), 5-11-10 K. B. White (6-1) 2
Fair View, b g, by Bargello—Lemnalls (K. Read), 5-11-5 M. Blackshaw (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Bent Pelham (4th), 12-1 Posh Sarne (r.o.), Roman City, 13-1 Harden Heath, 20-1 Jug of Punch, Light Smoker, Sunny Isle, 33-1 Border Mark, Coulmose (p), Intristdav, Mariners Goddess, Precious Pal, Sir Pen, So Villation. 17 ran.

TOTE: Win, 66p; places, 21p, 33p, 20p. Mrs R. Newton, at Melton Mowbray. 2l, 2½l.

1.30 (1.33) JUNIORS HURDLE (£340: 2m)

Happy Call, b g, by Town Crier—French Laughter (W. Kendrick), 4-11-2 .. M. James (5-1 fav) 1
Montage, b f, by Polyfoto—Cream Jug (F. Gilman), 4-11-9 R. Champion (7-1) 2
Bobette, b f, by King Bob—Merek (Mrs R. Owen George), 3-10-7 A. Branford (8-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Westward Lending, 8-1 Ladyrullah, 10-1 The Globe, 12-1 Given, Law Bench, Oh Jimmy, Royal Request, 14-1 Highway Robbery, Peace and Quiet (4th), 16-1 Knotty Ash, 20-1 Cerrian, Gala Sunrise, Pasko, Star Ginger, 33-1 General Mile, No Trump, Vale Mist, Tallndert Mist, Lionsmead, Lost Bid, Song of Solomon. 24 ran.

TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 16p, 15p, 25p. O. O'Neill at Cheltenham. Nk, 6l. Winner bought in for 750 guineas.

2.0 (2.1) THORPE SATCHVILLE HURDLE (Handicap: £680: 3m)

Leros, ch h, by Articulate—Dam's (unregistered (J. Springs), 5-10-7 P. Broderick (11-8 fav) 1
Marshall Who, b g, by Marshal Pil—Bewilderment (P. Griffith), 11-10-7 .. J. Jenkins (12-1) 2
Regal Isle, b g, by Flight Royal V—Haill (O. Henley), 7-10-0 .. M. Blackshaw (33-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Tremundone (4th), 6-1 Goldburg (f), 20-1 Bastillion, 25-1 Shy Spirit (f). 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 20p; places, 18p, £1.07; dual forecast, 84p. M. H. Easterby, at Malton. 12l, 5l.

2.30 (2.33) LEICESTERSHIRE SILVER FOX STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,625: 2½m)

Charlie Mouse, ch h, by Charlottesville—Serpentine Belle (Mrs M. Wiggin), 6-10-2 G. Thorner (6-4) 1
Mr Savin, b g, by Wily Trout—Balinkina (Lord Mostyn), 6-10-7 D. Cartwright (11-2) 2
Southern Lad, b g, by Kabale—Ananaclogh (H. Leader), 8-11-6 G. Faulkner (6-5 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 33-1 Foel Free (4th). 4 ran.

TOTE: Win, 29p; forecast, 55p. T. Forster, Wantage. 8l, 4l.

3.0 (3.2) BOSWORTH FIELD STEEPLECHASE (£578: 3m)

No Gypsy, ch g, by Romany Air—Near the Wind (C. Bennion), 6-11-5 .. J. Suthern (12-1) 1
Dunkery Beacon, b g, by Artlercelagh—Rock On (Miss V. Sumner), 6-11-3 bl .. G. Thorner (5-1) 2
Laurel Branch, b g, by Hunour Bound—Spring Bud (Lord Cadogan), 8-11-10 bl .. B. Brman (13-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Romany Bay, 7-2 Royal Reward (f), Crown, 20-1 Casastreth (p), Dragon Fields, Prim (f), Bright, pool, 25-1 Sir Cacador (ur), 33-1 Cleveland Bridge, Dualfair, Ormode Tudor, Sir Roland. 16 ran.

TOTE: Win, £2.56; places, £1.29, 29p, 37p. D. Nicholson, Stow-on-the-Wold. 1½l, 20l.

3.30 (3.31) STOUGHTON HURDLE (Div II: £340: 2m)

Marsheistown, b g, by Saint Vincent—Queens Delight (A. Grogan), 5-10-5 .. A. Grimsdale (9-3) 1
The Snipe, br g, by Vimadee—Rosie O'Day (G. Richmond Watson), 5-10-10 A. Webber (11-2) 2
Blabbermouth, ch g, by Eastern Venture—Skimeter (Capt J. George), 6-10-3 D. Speck (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Charlie Tip, 3-1 Ballyfin Master (4th), 7-1 Commonwealth Games (p), 10-2 Rebel Band, 8-1 Peace Pact, 14-1 Glen Ain (bl), 16-1 Skid Alley (f), 20-1 Misty Ford, Moorland Mogule, Verona Bay, Wayward Winifred, Windsor Glade. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, 49p; places, 64p, 22p, 65p. A. P. Jervis, Coventry. 4l, 10l.

DAILY DOUBLE: Leros £1.20. Treble: Happy Call, Charlie Mouse, Marsheistown, £163.70.

Ayr

1.15 (1.15) GATEHEAD HURDLE (Div I: £374: 2m)

Sun Lion, br g, by Sunny Way—Winmars Krocus (J. Cummings), 5-11-6 .. J. J. O'Neill (4-5 fav) 1
Henry's Lady, ch f, by Henry the Seventh—Castle Rough (J. Andrews), 4-11-10 .. J. Mooney (3-1) 2
Millhouse Boy, b g, by Lower Boy—Lumber Jill (Brig T. Usher), 5-10-13 .. Mr T. Bull (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Crown Bird, 16-1 Colsaro (4th), Some Speck (f), 20-1 Nugget, Golden Pistol, Old Pulley, Tarlon Rock. 10 ran.

TOTE: Win, 16p; places, 10½p, 11p, 15p; dual forecast, 27p. G. W. Richards, at Penrith. 2½l, ½l.

1.45 (1.47) DRYBRIDGE STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £468: 2½m)

Westby Lad, b g, by Tacitus—Bow Green (H. Lee), 6-11-9 .. J. J. O'Neill (6-4) 1
Old Stephen, br g, by Master Owen—Old Fashioned (J. Walby), 6-11-7 .. T. Stack (100-30) 2

ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Rovalar (p). TOTE: Win, 30p; forecast, 59p. G. W. Richards, at Penrith. 2l.

2.15 (2.18) SYMINGTON HURDLE (Handicap: £525: 3m)

Lucius, b g, by Perhapsborn—Matches (Mrs D. Whitaker), 6-10-1 .. J. J. O'Neill (10-1) 1
Lochar Moss, b g, by Dinnitary—Union Clipper (D. MacDonald), 10-11-9 J. Goulding (5-2 fav) 2
Fly Bye, br g, by Little Buskins—Dead Fly (Brig J. Paterkins), 8-10-9 .. T. Stack (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 100-30 Cool Imp, 13-2 Crown Hotel, 13-1 Irrimo, 16-1 Whitsuncell, Kirwaugh (4th), 20-1 Colsnar, 33-1 Sally's Choice, Lochinvar. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.19; places, 24p, 14p, 15p. G. W. Richards, at Penrith. 1l, 3l.

2.45 (2.48) MAUCHLINE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £157: 3m 3f 30yd)

Tab, b g, by Cantab—Ballade (L. Shiner), 6-11-0 C. Tinkler (8-2) 1
Cantabel, b g, by Cantab—Fire Forest (J. Lisle), 6-10-13 .. T. Stack (9-4) 2
Rubstic, br g, by I Say—Leuze (J. Douglas), 6-11-7 .. J. J. O'Neill (15-8 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 Dunrobin (4th). 4 ran.

TOTE: Win, 35p; forecast, £1.27. K. Oliver, at Hawick. 1l, 12l.

3.15 (3.17) GATEHEAD HURDLE (Div II: £374: 2m)

Swift Miss, br f, by Space King—Eastern Miss (Mrs O. McCain), 4-11-7 .. R. Barry (8-11) 1
Wonder Pearl, ch c, by Gulf Pearl—Wonderlac (Mrs A. Collins), 4-11-2 .. S. Holland (10-1) 2
Delanto, ch c, by Ballyciptic—Lill (W. Shaw), 4-11-2 .. A. Dickman (6-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Fiona's Mov. (4th). 4 ran.

TOTE: Win, 18p; forecast, D. McCain, at Southport. 2l.

3.45 (3.46) CULROY HURDLE (£374: 2m)

Everbolt, gr c, by Above Suspicion—Home Lacy (J. McGhie), 11-0 .. D. Goulding (7-1) 1
The Freddie, b g, by Philemon—Spring Exploit (La Barton), 11-0 .. D. Munro 2
John McNab, ch c, by Whistling Wind—Efficiency (Miss J. ...ton), 11-0 .. R. Barry 3

ALSO RAN: 2-5 fav Dormitor, 6-1 Goldmine, 10-1 Le Gaulois (4th), 16-1 Doris. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.04; places, 55p. Dual forecast, £3.31. G. W. Richards, at Penrith. 1l, 6l.

DAILY DOUBLE: Lucius, Swift Miss, £12.15. TREBLE: Westby Lad, Everbolt, £24.15.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): The Beeches (John MacNab).

RT

Union

ns coach puts Australian k through their paces

West
rrespondent

ey flew from Belfast gh yesterday morning ustralians had a train- beginning at what many rd as the grisly hour and Syd Millar, the ns' coach in South 1974, was enthusiastic enough to put their brough some concen- nmaging practice. This their play gives the more concern than and Ross Turnbull, the nd the coach, David were delighted to have istance. "Syd and I ends", said Turnbull, days when I toured 1968. It was a great his part. It epito- t this game is all

whose goal kicking nd performances at ave been one of the features of the tour, cked at stand-off half for the game against and will play with his Queensland partner, change at stand-off le, because Hindmarsh pelvic injury in the last Saturday, which ow thought to be not

of Hindmarsh has strong contender for in the first interna- but, now that the ull back, FitzGerald, ed fitness, it is natural urists, with a number of options at their disposal, should want to give McLean a game at stand-off half. The tour has not so far gone happily for Wright, who partnered Hipwell at half back in the internationals against England in the summer.

Another interesting selection tomorrow is that of Hillhouse at number eight. Laune surely must play there against Scotland if he is fit, but it is not thought likely that he can play again before the game against South of Scotland at Galashiels, only four days before the first international. Hillhouse should be most effective at the tail of the lineout, and his speed in the open also could be very useful from that position.

The two best locks, Fay and Smith, have a second run together, Fay playing his third successive game since arriving as a replacement and Smith his sixth in seven fixtures. The front row in Belfast is retained en bloc, with Finnane and Graham as the props. I suspect that Graham is the likelier of these two to play against Scotland. Meadows has looked their strongest scrummager on the loose head side.

Geoffrey Shaw, the big inside centre, had a six-mile run in Ballymena and should be match fit again shortly. He looks like being pressed hard for his international place by the fair-haired Berne, who celebrated his return to his native city of Belfast with a fine try last Saturday. Mansfield, the lock forward who has yet to play a game here, is making steady progress from his back injury and hopes to be in action next week.

The Australian XV will be:—
M. A. FitzGerald; L. E. Monaghan, R. D. L'Estrange (capt), J. Berne, J. R. Ryan; P. E. McLean, R. G. Hauser; S. C. Finnane, P. A. Horton, R. Graham, G. Fay, R. A. Smith, J. K. Lambie, D. W. Hillhouse, R. A. Price.

Stanley's XV to play Oxford University in the annual match at Iffley Road on Thursday glitters with resounding names, for there are 12 internationals in it and five of those are British Lions. The selection should have a beneficial effect on the game, but I doubt whether the Pontypool and Wales front row of Price, Windsor and Faulkner will be doing their Oxford counterparts a similar favour. The Cardiff half backs, Brynmor Williams and Gary Davies, and the full back, Richards, are the only uncapped players in the side.

G. Richards (Wasps); D. J. Duckham (Coventry and England, captain), P. S. Preece (Coventry and England), G. Birkett (London Scottish and Scotland), A. G. Biggar (London Scottish and Scotland); G. Davies (Cardiff), R. Williams (Cardiff), G. Price (Pontypool and Wales), R. W. Windsor (Pontypool and Wales), A. G. Faulkner (Pontypool and Wales), N. Mantell (Rosslyn Park and England), A. F. McHarg (London Scottish and Scotland), M. Biggar (London Scottish and Scotland), A. G. Ripley (Rosslyn Park and England), A. L. Bucknall (Richmond and England).

Buckinghamshire hope to earn play-off

Buckinghamshire make three changes for their crucial county rugby championship match against Oxfordshire at Oxford tomorrow. The Marlow prop forward, Moore, is called up for his first county appearance and the High Wycombe flank forward, Pearman, is tried at number eight with Black, of Wasps, moving to the second row.

The only change at three quarter is the return of Packham, a Chiltern wing. A win for Buckinghamshire would earn them at least a play-off for the southern group title in which no county is unbeaten.

Whitcombe replaces Forrester at lock and Burgess is recalled following the suspension of the prop forward Pickering, who was sent off in consecutive matches last month.

Paul Morris, a former record scorer of tries with Maidenhead, who is now playing for the Richmond second XV, has been called up by Berkshire for their game against Dorset and Wilts at Wareham. Morris comes into the side in place of the Bedford wing Maxwell, who is not available. There is also a doubt over the availability of the London Welsh centre, Reynolds, and Cole is standing by.

Dorset and Wilts have received a setback to their hopes of winning the southern group. Vince and Green two RAF Lyneham players selected for the match with Berkshire, are required by the RAF for an inter-station cup game.

The counties bring in Gaiger (Devizes) on the right wing and Evans (Salisbury) moves to stand-off half. He is replaced in the centre by Burton (Salisbury).

East Midlands call up Mawle for his first county game this season against Notts, Lincs and Derbyshire at Beeston. He deputizes for England lock Wilkinson, who had eight stitches in a cut leg after playing for Midlands (east) against the Australians.

French returns at centre, releasing Pebody for the stand-off half position as George is switched to scrum half in place of Fletcher.

The Somerset selectors have left two vacancies in the pack for their final south-west group championship match against Gloucestershire at Taunton on Saturday. They are hoping to persuade Lease, now with Newport, to return to fill one of the gaps. Gloucestershire need only a draw to win the title.

Staffordshire give a vote of confidence to the side that beat East Midlands for their first championship win in seven games, when they face Warwickshire at Coventry tomorrow. This means that the wings, Field and Sunderland, the prop forward Staley and Martin Davies at centre keep their places, in spite of being late replacements against East Midlands.

The French military side to play the Combined Services in Cardiff on Saturday includes several of France's leading players. Michel Barrau, the 20-year-old younger brother of the former French captain Max, and highly regarded by the French selectors, plays at stand-off half.

Cricket

Walker hit on head by Lillee in Perth

Perth, Nov 17.—Max Walker, the Australian Test match bowler, was taken to hospital after being hit on the forehead by a short-pitched delivery from Lillee in a Sheffield Shield cricket match here today. After being carried from the ground on a stretcher, Walker underwent an X-ray examination and was detained in hospital for observation.

A hospital spokesman later described Walker's condition as satisfactory. Walker, batting for Victoria against Western Australia, made no apparent attempt to duck when a ball from Lillee reared sharply off the pitch. He was hit over the left eye and fell to the ground.

During the day the world record for individual catches in a first-class match was equalled by Marsh, the Western Australia and Test match wicketkeeper. Marsh held 11 catches in the game to equal the record set by Arnold Long, the Surrey wicketkeeper, against Sussex at Hove in 1964.

Western Australia looked certain of victory on the final day tomorrow when they reached 20 for no wicket at the close of the third day, after being set to make 161 to win.

[illegible] and 122 (D. K. Lillee 4—36); Western Australia 294 for 8 dec and 20 for no wkt.—Reuter and UPI

ADELAIDE: Southern South Australia beat Tas and [illegible] South Australia 236 and 170 for [illegible] (G. J. Cosier [illegible] not out); Western Australia won by 7 wkts.

Holding finds fame in West Indian victory

Sydney, Nov 17.—The West Indian cricket team won their first big victory of their tour when they beat New South Wales by 52 runs at the Sydney Cricket Ground here today. New South Wales, needing 198 runs for victory with five wickets in hand, crumbled against the bowling of Holding and were all out for 146 shortly after the lunch interval on the fourth and final day.

The top scorer for New South Wales was the Test opening batsman Turner, who made 66. Holding finished with the excellent figures of six for 60 off 15 overs to achieve his best performance in first class cricket.

An X-ray examination of Holder's damaged finger today showed a hairline fracture which will keep him out of the First Test in Brisbane, starting on November 28. Holder suffered the injury when he attempted a return catch in the New South Wales second innings yesterday.

The New South Wales defeat was their fourth in succession this season and only Turner, who scored 106 not out in the first innings, emerged with credit.

When New South Wales dismissed the West Indians for only 269 yesterday they needed only 198 runs for victory, but their quest soon turned into a battle for survival. Rain delayed today's start for 50 minutes but when New South Wales resumed at 96 for five, three more wickets fell for only 25 runs before luncheon.

The day began quietly with Turner and O'Keeffe taking the New South Wales score to 100 in 152 minutes before O'Keeffe mistimed a faster ball from Holding, which came off the inside edge on to his stumps. O'Keeffe departed with 19 runs to his credit.

Rixon, the wicketkeeper, was brilliantly run out by the substitute fieldsman David Murray, throwing in from silly mid-on and New South Wales were on the rack at 114 for 7. One run later, eight wickets were down. Colley flashed at a ball from Holding and Derrick Murray took the catch behind the stumps.

Pascoe joined Turner and the pair put on 21 runs before Turner mis-cued an off-drive and was out for a dogged 66. Gibbs jumping high to his left to take a fine overhead catch. Turner became Holdings sixth victim after hitting four boundaries in his great fighting knock.

WEST INDIANS: First Innings, 270 [illegible] Second Innings, 200 (Colley 3 for 23).

NEW SOUTH WALES: First Innings, 272 for 9 dec (A. Turner 106 not out).

Second Innings

L. Richardson, c D. L. Murray, b Roberts		0
*R. B. McCosker, c Indian All, b Holding		10
A. Turner, c Gibbs, b Holding		66
G. Beard, c Lloyd, b Holding		0
P. M. Toohey, b Holder		21
†I. J. Gilmour, c Kallicharran, b Holding		0
K. J. O'Keeffe, b Holding		19
S. R. Rixon, run out		4
D. J. Colley, c D. L. Murray, b Holding		0
J. S. Pascoe, c D. L. Murray, b Roberts		17
D. W. Gibbs, not out		1
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 1)		7
Total		146

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—1, 2—57, 3—96, 4—97, 5—98, 6—107, 7—114, 8—115, 9—132, 10—146.

BOWLING: Roberts, 13.3—0—45—2; Holding, 15—5—60—6; Holder, 8—1—32—1.—Reuter.

inquire leath manian

h on Friday of a young international boxer, the welterweight Constan- icariu, following his eat by John McGinnity atch against Young London last Thursday, investigated by the oxing Association.

lost on points to and seemed to be all wards, but collapsed s taken to St Bartholo- ital, London, where he brain operation.

earlier Cojacaru was the first round by John braycott) in the Young Romania match at

official said yesterday e making our own in- we will probably await of the post-mortem and the outcome of before making a state- der Amateur Boxing rules there is a man- days before a boxer is resume boxing after ked out. In the case of , the resumption of a teer can be determined rnament doctor's report is in charge.

owe, manager of the outh boxing team who nia at Luton last Tues- yesterday afternoon: re shattered when we news. In his fight at e boy took only one the referee immediately e fight. That was in the

English officials did by the book. A medical nt to the ABA the morning and it sug- hat the Romanian h the party should e lad before he was box again."

in amateur boxing is comparatively rare. ne to follow an offi- was back in the 1950s, Channel Islander, Peter d in the Netherlands in being knocked out and tex Robertson, a former mpion, died after spar- re round at a Brighton

ov 17.—Rodolfo Saba- alian boxing promoter, he had offered Vernon British featherweight £10,000 to meet Elio the Italian's European ip on December 26.—

Real tennis

Ennis puts his work rate up to defeat Toates

By Our Real Tennis Correspondent

Christopher Ennis, the young Leamington professional, won the Anglo-Australian duel against Barry Toates, of Hobart, Tasmania, in the real tennis tournament, sponsored by Cutty Sark, at Queen's Club yesterday. Ennis beat Toates, who had reached the semi-final round last year, by 6—4, 6—4, 3—6, 6—2, in just over two hours and now meets the holder Howard Angus, in the semi-final round on Thursday.

It was one of those matches in which the winner did most of the work and the loser, in trying to call the tune, committed most of the errors. Toates, under the impression that Ennis was at his most vulnerable on the floor, set out to play the ball short and keep it low. Often in trying to play this gentle game he failed to move his feet and was sometimes playing the ball off his stomach. Toates had some success in these tactics when recovering from 0—5 to 4—5 in the first set, and he held the service end at the start of the tenth game. Here Ennis laid two short chases and took the set with a fourth under the grille.

When Toates won the first two games of the second set his plan seemed to be working. But then he made a host of loose shots and at times his play appeared lethargic. Ennis, full of bounce, energy and forceful strokes, advanced to 5—2 before Toates came out of this patch.

Toates, maintaining an air of calm inscrutability, won a couple of long games to make it 4—5, but then hit four losing shots. He won the third set on his merits but was unable to douse Ennis's fire in the fourth and his play became ragged. But Toates did show that Ennis is a far stronger player on the floor than was thought and that, given the chance, he could kill the ball stone dead. Ennis was also the better server.

Angus beat the Lord's professional David Johnson, by 6—3, 6—1, 6—1, after an erratic first set in which he had trouble with his rackets. He broke one when leading 4—0 and lost the next three games. Another went at 5—3 and he needed six points before winning the set. Thereafter he gave Johnson little chance and little time in which to play his strokes.

SECOND ROUND: H. R. Angus beat D. Johnson (Lord's), 6—3, 6—1, 6—1; C. Ennis (Leamington) beat R. Toates (Hobart, Tasmania), 6—4, 6—4, 5—6, 6—2.

pentathlon

in second place after her successful day

City, Nov 16.—The pions today recovered heavy defeat in the petition to win the ie world modern pen- ipionships here. Pavel individual champion two years' pentathlon ortably outclassed the victories, two more placed Tamas Kancsal. But the Russians were tenth among the 15 ie cumulative scores ents, because of poor the riding yesterday. dual competition Led- ring third with 2,020 d Kancsal leading on Britain's Jim Fox on ond place.

who had a perfect riding, had another lay in the fencing, 31 wins for third ustralian trio, who led rst day, slumped in mpetition and ended the day in overall twelfth. Hungary, second overall in Moscow in 1974, were leading the overall table with 5,794 points .154 ahead of France in second place and 170 ahead of West Germany in third. Japan were doing better than expected in fourth, followed by Finland, the United States, Bulgaria and Britain.

FENCING (Individual): 1, V. Lidnyov (USSR), 54 victories, 1,018 pts; 2, T. Kancsal (Hungary), 1,000; 3, L. Ivanov (USSR), 21, 976; 4, Fox (GB), 31, 976; 5, J. Steffenson (Denmark), 30, 968; 6, V. Bratanov (Bulgaria), 36, 968; 8, Lager (Sweden), 29, 958; 9, Reich (West Germany), 34, 958; 35, A. Parker (GB), 1,682; 40, D. Nightingale (GB), 16, 893.

FENCING (Team): 1, Soviet Union, 2,974 pts; 2, Hungary, 2,782; 3, West Germany, 2,662; 4, France, 2,509; 5, Japan, 2,458; 6, Bulgaria, 2,458; 8, Britain, 2,098.

OVERALL (after two events): 1, Hungary, 5,794 pts; 2, France, 5,610; 3, West Germany, 5,624; 4, Japan, 5,601; 5, Finland, 5,474; 6, US, 5,456; 8, Britain, 5,350.

OVERALL (individual): 1, T. Kancsal, 2,100 pts; 2, J. Fox (GB), 2,076; 3, V. Lidnyov (USSR), 2,060; 4, J. Steffenson (Denmark), 2,054; 5, Lager (Sweden), 1,982; 6, P. Salnar (Monaco), 1,956; 35, D. Nightingale (GB), 1,628; 55, A. Parker (GB), 1,602.—Reuter.

ians in disarray

ov 17.—Soviet rowing of disarray and the 's chances of success ontreal Olympics are cheslav Ivanov, three c champion, said to- ng in *Pravda*. Ivanov world championships m, where they won dals against the East showed up "chronic

e these reasons for of the sport: Train- are ill-conceived. overloaded with women's national six groups to look of good equipment. switch to home-pro- boats was never put into effect. Only 25 per cent orders for equipment are met. Lack of training bases. Even in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev, no new bases are planned, and the new Moscow canal, while adequate for competition, is too small for training.

"My own experience as a trainer shows the situation in sectional rowing is very serious", Ivanov said. "In the present circumstances, our chances of success in Montreal are problematic. We have to work out new methods of preparation, using the best techniques. We must improve our work with young sportsmen. It is necessary to do this immediately. There is not much time left to Montreal.—UPI.

y

LEAGUE: New York Detroit Red Wings 0; yers 5, Montreal Cana- 1 Bruins 4, Kansas City alo Sabres 4, California

WORLD ASSOCIATION: Winnipeg 3, 5, Indianapolis Racers 1; Calgary Cowboys 3, Houston Aeros 5; Cleveland Crusaders 1, Phoenix Roadrunners 4; Minnesota Fighting Saints 5, Cincinnati Stingers 2.



The Silk Cut range: No. 3, No. 1, Regular, King Size and International have the Special Ventilated Silk Cut filter.

LOW TAR As defined by H.M. Government
EVERY PACKET CARRIES A GOVERNMENT HEALTH WARNING

Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls.

*Excluding surplus of approx £75m on revaluation of properties at 1st April, 1973 and provisions for deferred profit of £88m.
£30,199 £77,199 304,859 337,574
GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

Life at the Foreign Office in a shrinking world

Next week Sir Michael Palliser (Wellington and Merton College, Oxford) takes over from Sir Thomas Brimelow (New Mills Grammar School and Oriel) as the Permanent Under-Secretary of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. PUS, as the staff refer to the post for short.

One might conclude from this change that things are going on much as usual in the Foreign Office: but one would be mistaken. Perhaps because Britain's power and influence in the world is on the wane, perhaps because we live in cost-conscious days, the Foreign Office is very keen to move with the times and quite sensitive about its public image.

Much may be learnt about institutions from the buildings themselves. The Quai d'Orsay, for example, consists of a series of long and undistinguished corridors which open up from time to time into beautiful salons, lit by chandeliers. The Auswärtiges Amt in Bonn is a box-like structure, full of efficient little cubicles.

The great square between Downing Street and King Charles Street, built by Gilbert Scott, where the Foreign Office has its home, is being remodelled from the inside. It was going to be rebuilt, but the project proved too expensive. Ladders and scaffolding stand against the walls, promising a new face for the old bricks.

Sir Michael Palliser, the new PUS, though a very perfect knight, is a diplomat of the new school. After a hard stint in Brussels during the European negotiations, he had to survive the first blast of the Labour Government's anti-European attitude, and then bring Britain through renegotiation. He has spent the last two months travelling to British missions around the world, learning what the diplomatic problems are at first hand, and letting them know in return how Europe works.

As head of the diplomatic service Sir Michael will have 6,500 staff in 220 posts around the world at his command. The task of these men and women, in the great capitals like Washington, with 140 members of the diplomatic service including support staff, down to tiny outposts of desert or jungle, is to represent the British interest and report home what is going on.

But like all other compartments of British life, the Foreign Office is under costs pressure. In the past decade it has managed to reduce its total staff by nearly 13 per cent, an operation which was done without undue fuss or strain, with the single exception in 1971 when 30 senior men were unceremoniously bundled into early retirement.

In the last budget, the Chancellor ordered a reduction of 1½ per cent in all civil service budgets. In the Foreign Office, which does not have money to spend on projects like other ministries, this reduction had to be effected by cutting the number of posts. In the current financial year British embassies are being closed in Lomé (Togo), Managua (Nicaragua), Tananarive (Madagascar) and Tegucigalpa (Honduras) and consulates in such pleasure spots as Nice, Miami and Valencia.

Some countries take this withdrawal of the British presence stoically enough, others are very disgruntled. Madagascar immediately signalled its decision to close its embassy in London, which is a good deal bigger and therefore more profitable in balance of payments terms than the cost of the British mission over there. Anyone seeking help in Madagascar will have to rely on Britain being represented by a neighbouring envoy.

These chops and changes are not arbitrary but a result of careful study by the planning staff. At the same time new posts have been opened—Damascus, for instance, following the restoration of diplomatic relations with Syria, East Berlin and Nassau.

The present cost of the diplomatic service is £144.7m, of which £91.7m is for overseas representation and £26m for information services. Perhaps the most touching aspect of our cost saving is the recent directive which went out from London instructing all our ambassadors to cut down on the parties traditionally given to celebrate the Queen's birthday. (Her Majesty gave her consent.)

Henceforth these receptions—which may seem a bore to some but which rallied the local British people to the flag—will be more modest affairs. "All very sad, you know, but you see the £80,000 we save will pay the salaries of 10 commercial attachés."

Ambassadors are paid on the same scale as the equivalent rank in any other home ministry, ranging from £20,175 at the top to £9,060. A young man who joins the service after university will get £2,605-£4,080.

Foreign allowances, which may seem so lavish, are calculated in terms of housing, overseas costs and official entertainment—the latter, surely, a very mixed blessing for those who must perforce go round the cocktail circuit as a matter of duty. The recent report by the House of Commons expenditure committee noted that a "broad brush" approach was to some extent unavoidable, but recommended a review in case some allowances went above the assessed needs.

If the pay scales are less generous compared with what industry can offer these days, the Foreign Office still attracts a very strong entry.

Last year out of an application of 900, only 16 candidates were successful—in normal times the entry would have been up to 23 but, again, costs dictate limits. (Those mainly non-graduates who come in to the executive grade can in theory move up to the administrative level and sometimes do so.)

Two thirds of the entrants still come from Oxbridge, a statistic for which there is no ready explanation, but only half from the public schools, compared with 80 per cent a few years ago. Moreover, the Foreign Office does go around the universities, to let students know about prospects of a career in the diplomatic service.

Promotion, however, is more difficult than it was, partly because the manpower cuts have reduced the opportunities, partly because of the large intake in the immediate post-war years. Retirement at 60 is virtually mandatory, and by 1980-82 the blockage should be over.

Merit is the criterion but diplomats are subject to a kind of Catch-22 in the annual reports made on their careers. A man must show responsibility and judgment: but if he is overwilling to take on responsibility that may show a lack of judgment: and if he displays too much judgment, that may be irresponsible. Hard it is, these days, to be diplomatic.

A second article will review how policy is made.

David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

High spirits at the weekend summit, but the 'crisis of democracy' is still there

Paris, Nov 17

Whatever else the Rambouillet economic summit may have achieved and there was no mistaking the high spirits of the heads of government at the end of their weekend together—it did not resolve the "crisis of democracy" about which Dr Henry Kissinger spoke in Pittsburgh last Tuesday. Indeed, my understanding is that the heads of government and their supporting foreign and finance ministers never really got down to the basic issues of political philosophy which trouble men like Dr Kissinger and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

It was perhaps inevitable that a meeting conducted in the glare of such publicity and keen expectations, as the first ever summit conference to be devoted exclusively to economic subjects was bound to be, could not for long ignore the pressing immediate problems of the recession, exchange rate arrangements and energy policy. And it would be wrong to conclude from the windy ambiguities of the final declaration of Rambouillet that nothing substantial was achieved by the gathering.

The United States and West Germany stoutly resisted pressure from Britain and other countries to over-stimulate their economies. Mr Wilson has dubbed them the "causal economies" because they are the ones with the strength and size, together perhaps with Japan, to lead the world into and out of recession.

But they are also the economies that can lead the world into booms that go bust; and Britain has just as great an interest as any other country, in some ways more, in America and Germany showing considerable restraint about reflation.

A world boom, with its inevitable effect on commodity prices, normally does more harm to Britain's precarious balance of payments than the associated stimulus to British exports does good. Moreover, and much more seriously, it directly aggravates any attempt to control inflation in Britain. Anyone who accepts the thesis that it is the next bout of inflation—running to 30-50 per cent by 1978—which Britain and the other democracies most have to fear in terms of its potential impact on political stability as well as on our prosperity, will welcome the fact that the United States and Germany are showing more restraint than those who look at unemployment in the short term would wish them to do.

Indeed, if President Ford's argument that the American economy is already bounding back strongly from the recession—an argument which seems greatly to have impressed British ministers—were correct, that would be disturbing news for us. But in fact the argument seems to have hinged on the rapid growth of the American economy in the third quarter of the year. Closer inspection suggests that that expansion was heavily dependent on a short-term once-and-for-all adjustment of stock levels in American industry. Apparently, even President Ford acknowledged that the fourth quarter would not yield anything like such rapid expansion.

Mr Wilson and Mr Healey are both very pleased with the promise in the declaration that "we are confident that . . . recovery is under way; nevertheless we recognize the need for vigilance and adaptability in our policies. We will not allow the recovery to falter".

The Prime Minister construes this as a commitment by the "causal" economies to inject additional spending power if unemployment does not come down fast enough or if, as he puts it, "the expansion gets 'hiccoughs'".

But the very next sentence of the declaration suggests that this may not be the only interpretation and particularly not the interpretation favoured by the governments of the "causal" economies themselves. It reads: "We will not accept another outburst of inflation". The previous paragraph lays down the guiding principle, namely that "In consolidating the recovery it is essential to avoid unleashing additional inflationary forces which would threaten its success".

So, anyone who hoped or feared that Rambouillet would become the pretext for an orgy of additional "reflation" will look in vain for corroboration in either the formal declaration or the associated briefing and explanations which are being offered here on all sides by all delegations. This does not mean that the basic political logic which impels governments, especially before elections, to indulge more deficit financing than is healthy for sustainable expansion will cease to operate; but at least the summit conference has not made things worse so far as can be judged today.

No harm having been done on this most vulnerable of fronts, some positive good appears to have been done in other directions. It really does seem that protectionism has taken a knock. The Prime Minister was constrained to give a fairly narrowly defined statement of the meaning of "selective import controls" in order to escape objections by his fellow heads of government, limiting the scope of any future British measures to two or three industries which are both vital to British employment and which can be confidently expected to be fully competitive without protection once world trade recovers. He did not list the industries; but it is evident that a temporary restriction of imports of cars and motorcycles is in his mind.

Objectionable as this is in principle, there is considerable reassurance that the degree and duration of restrictions will not go beyond what our main trading partners are prepared to tolerate, not merely because this reduces the risks of retaliation, but much more importantly because it gives the British consumer a doughty champion in the form of the governments of other very powerful countries which British ministers will not wish and indeed are now pledged not to offend.

The Prime Minister, along with his opposite numbers, did "confirm their commitment to the OECD pledge (to maintain free trade) and to avoid resorting to measures by which they could try to solve their problems at the expense of others, with damaging consequences in the economic, social and political fields".

Another positive step was the pledge to press ahead with the Tokyo round of trade liberalization negotiations and to adopt "as our goal completion of the negotiations in 1977". These talks have become badly becalmed during the recession; and, if they can given a new momentum, this would be the best possible antidote to the present threat of the spread of protection in the guise of the development of regional economic blocks.

Much is being made already of the rapprochement between the US and France on the need for "stability" in exchange rate arrangements. The detailed agreement has not yet been published; and there are few who believe that it can be more than another exercise in the kind of verbal dexterity which enables different countries to follow quite different policies in the name of the same "agreement".

For years now the word "stability" has been used by the Americans to mean "not brittle and therefore not fixed", while it is used by the French to mean "unmoving and therefore fixed". The new magic word is "viscosity", meaning the degree of stickiness with which currency rates float up and down against each other; and in practice the agreement on a new form of words will have little direct impact on countries' management of their currencies—though it will remove the formal obstacle to agreement in the International Monetary Fund in Jamaica in January on the outstanding issues of international monetary reform.

In sum the heads of government have not achieved the miracle of removing the threat to democracy posed by the progressively deteriorating trade-off between unemployment and inflation: in other words, by the impossibility of maintaining target employment levels without more rapidly accelerating inflation. Still less have they decided how to assure future raw material supplies or how to conquer the poverty of the Fourth World.

But at least they have turned aside from the most dangerous courses and, by the very act of meeting in this way, they have reduced the dangers of disastrous economic warfare between the industrial countries.

The war for economic and political stability can still be won within each country; and a sense of shared crisis cannot be expected to do more than uphold the morale of those who must fight it each on his own home ground.

Peter Jay
Economics Editor

Bernard Levin

In detail, Amnesty's guide to the vileness of Russia's camps

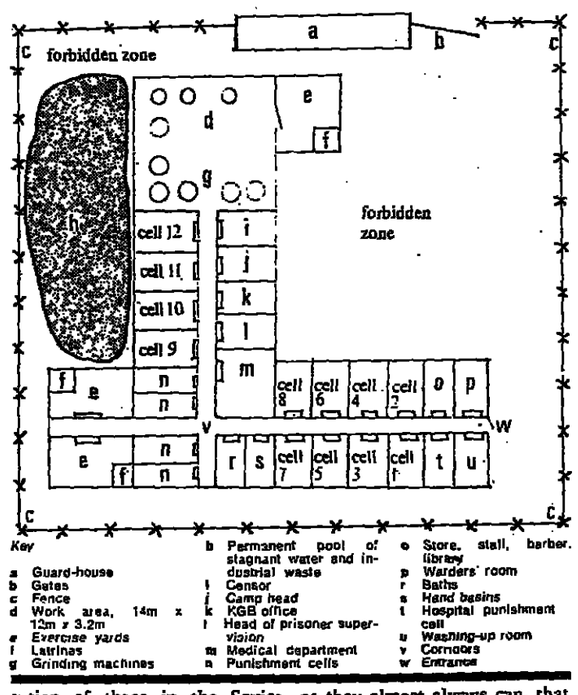
One of the most persistent and intractable problems faced by those who write in free countries about the oppression, injustice and persecution that take place in unfree ones is that many of the latter have legal, judicial and even political codes, systems and institutions which correspond in form to the structures and principles within which free societies operate. The reason that this constitutes a problem is that many worthy and well-meaning people living in freedom, not all of them fools, find it difficult or impossible to comprehend state systems in which politics, law, medicine, literature and indeed all aspects of society are regarded as nothing but expressions of the state's purposes, which themselves have no validity other than that given to them by those in control of the state apparatus.

The chief crime of Mr Len Murray and Mr Clive Jenkins and the rest of the TUC leaders who welcomed a creature as vile as Shelepin to this country and fawned over him while he was here lay not in Shelepin's vileness nor in the fact that their action constituted an unforgivable insult to those Soviet workers who have been killed, tortured or imprisoned by the system of which Shelepin was an integral part, nor even in their implicit repudiation of the truth so admirably enunciated at the time by Mr Frank Chapple, when he said that the only experience Shelepin had ever had of workers was throwing them in jail. Worse than all these was the support the visit gave to the pretence that Soviet "trades unions", however different from ours their nature and activities might be, are, in some real sense, doing the same job. (A similar, though much less culpable, wrong was done by Mr Jeremy Thorpe not long ago when he went to Moscow and made a spectacular ass of himself on his return by calling for more "parliamentary exchanges" between the Soviet Empire and countries with real Parliaments.

One useful test of any state system which purports to operate within a framework of genuine law and justice, of real independence for its autonomous bodies, of true self-determination for its peoples, is that of arbitrariness. If there are courts and judges, are these in practice subject to the administrative orders or pressures of extra-legal authorities? If people are put in prisons or camps, is this after due process of law, or by lettre de cachet? If it is believed that injustice has been done, are there routes of redress which cannot be blocked at whim by those against whom redress is desired?

On all these counts, the Soviet Union and the countries of her empire fail, wretchedly and consistently, the arbitrariness test. There are courts; but in any matter in which the rulers have an interest, the judges convict and sentence according not to the evidence but to their orders. There is a legislature; but its decisions are taken for it, and in advance. There are elections; but never a choice between two candidates. There is print; but every single word in it is either pre-censored or illegal.

Some will say, no doubt, that all this is obvious, to which I reply that it is obvious only to those who find it so. Yet I think that there is, from today, a little less excuse for the failure to see the obvious. Amnesty International has produced a detailed report on the treatment and conditions of prisoners of conscience in the USSR (obtainable from Amnesty, 53 Theobald's Road, WC1, for 85p), which is as good as anything I have read on the subject for a very long time. There is a great deal of previously uncollected material in it (it consists entirely of information and recommendations, eschewing polemic altogether), and the work of compiling, checking and presenting the details of the appalling persecution of those in the Soviet Union who wish to criticize its rulers or institutions, or who simply wish to leave the place, has been done to an exceptionally high standard.



One of the best things about *Prisoners of Conscience in the USSR* is the fact that in it Amnesty has adopted some of the most effectively used techniques of the Soviet resistance itself, which takes the form of drawing attention to the arbitrary violation by the Soviet authorities not just of all the canons of political decency but of the Soviet law itself. The members of the resistance discovered long ago that it was no use telling their oppressors that what they were doing was unjust, wicked or tyrannous; but if they can say, as they almost always can, that what their oppressors are doing is a clear violation of Soviet law, they find that they can cause serious embarrassment to their oppressors. In the most obvious sense, of course, that does them no good, for the law is still violated; but Birnam wood took much longer than is generally supposed to come to Dunsinane, and in any case the modern technique gives its users a far better opportunity, and one far more difficult to control, to complain to the outside world. In other words, what they are doing is to behave as though they believe what the Soviet authorities say, and as though the Soviet authorities believe it themselves.

And that is, in a modified form, what Amnesty has done. The report goes through the Soviet law, through the rules of Soviet prisons and concentration-camps, through the provisions for the incarceration in mental hospitals of those supposedly in need of psychiatric treatment. The law, the rules and the conditions are constantly violated: but the details of the sufferings of the victims are made far more vivid, and become far more instructive, when seen against such a background.

But it is the foreground with which the Amnesty report is principally concerned. And the breadth and detail with which it is painted make the picture as dreadful as anything we have seen since the Nazi death-camps were thrown open at the end of the Second World War. We learn—with facts, figures, names and rations—of the ill-treatment, the starvation, the lack of medical care, the absence of any control over the guards in the prisons and camps where political prisoners are kept. We are given accounts of the experiences not only of those heroes whose names are known in the West—Gluzman, Bukovsky, Ginzburg, Grigorenko, Maroz and the rest—but of many whose names have never before been heard or seen outside. Point by point, the report matches the requirements of Soviet law with the experiences of its victims, and finds that the laws relating to arrest, trial, prison conditions and everything surrounding these processes and proceedings are violated not just at random and frequently, but consistently and almost invariably. Case after case is presented, without fear or strong language, for our consideration; everything is scrupulously documented, from official Soviet texts and from reliable samizdat sources; there is even what must be the first map of a Soviet concentration-camp that has ever appeared. (This, reproduced above, is of Zone No 1 in camp complex Zhkh 385 in Mordovia, and was drawn—not to scale—by a prisoner named Boris Penson in 1974.)

There is also an extensive examination of the use of psychiatric institutions as prisons for sane members of the resistance, which makes clear in greater detail than ever the conditions—of brutality and unchecked cruelty—in the places are actually worse than in the concentration-camps themselves, and the "doctors" in charge frequently worse than the camp guards. (This section, I may say, is particularly relevant in Britain at the moment because on Thursday of this week a motion is to be proposed at the quarterly meeting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists condemning the abuse of psychiatry for political purposes in general and urging the officers and members of the college to work in particular on behalf of the most notorious victims of Soviet penal psychiatry, namely Plyushch, Gluzman, Bukovsky and Krasivsky. I do not believe that any member of the college who reads pp 101-137 of the book will be able to vote against that motion.)

So far, I realize, I am asking my readers to take my word for the nature and effect of the report. So tomorrow I intend to devote most of my space to a succession of excerpts from it; today I shall conclude with just one:

There are many recorded cases of convicts taking their own lives. For example, in his Mordovian colony Edward Kuznetsov saw several convicts invite death by feigning escape attempts in full view of armed guards. Anatoly Marchenko described such suicide "escape attempts" as "putting an end to oneself in the usual way, that is with the help of sentries". In Perm colony 39S/36 in 1974, the prisoner Opanesenko hanged himself, leaving a note saying: "No more strength to hold out. Curse you, monsters!"

Mr Opanesenko's case was typical in that he had served 22 years of a 25-year sentence.

© Times Newspapers Ltd.

Send a Christmas gift to someone who really needs one . . .

. . . an old man or woman who will go hungry on Christmas Day, and every other day unless you care enough to add a goodwill gift to your Christmas list—to help someone like 79 year old Mrs. Raha Wanjiro, a widow in Africa who sometimes has to go three days without any food. "We had no meat, never ever. No milk, either. We would even go three days without food." Think of the joy it brings to old people, who must feel forgotten and despairing, when someone sends a Christmas message of practical sympathy—and imagine the gratitude of the volunteers who give their all to helping old people.

For £5 (the cost of a modest turkey) you can provide vital extra rice each day for a year to supplement the scanty diet of one desperately hungry old man or woman.

£25 provides a special Christmas for 125 needy old people.

£100 names a hospital bed in Africa or Asia in memory of someone dear to you.

Christmas is a time for caring and sharing. Please send your generous gift soon, it will be used with care by helpers devoted to old people.

The Hon. Treasurer, the Rt. Hon. Lord Maybray-King, Help the Aged, Room T3, 8 Denman Street, London W1A 2AP.

* Please let us know if you would like your gift used for a special purpose.

The Times Diary

Getting some outrageous advice

Today's Diary is written by the Rev Jimmy James, a Norfolk priest whose only previous experience in journalism is as editor of his parish magazine. He spent last week doing the things he supposed Diarists ought to do, and this brief immersion in the business was filmed by the BBC for a series called The Big Time, *to be screened next summer. To begin with, James sought the advice of that arch-Diarist, Malcolm Muggeridge. He reports:*

I met Muggeridge in the library of the *Evening Standard*, the newspaper on which he worked 40 years ago. He seemed just the right person to offer guidance to an amateur journalist, about to tackle this professional task.

He was in a puckish mood and said the most outrageous things. Referring to the days when he was a regular contributor to the *Evening Standard* gossip column, he said: "I didn't go out much. I used to make it up, or else would take something that somebody else had written and embroider it a little. I attributed witty, amusing sayings to various people. They didn't mind—it was good. In fact, they rather liked it."

On one occasion he wrote about the late Sir John Anderson (later Lord Waverley), whom he had never met, reporting that he had a good ear for music. Other journalists who wrote about him subsequently looked up the newspaper cuttings and did some embroidery of their own, describing him as a great music-lover, a keen musician and so forth. Years later, Muggeridge met Waverley in Washington. He confessed that he was tone-deaf.

Thumbing through the cuttings, back to April, 1935, Muggeridge saw a photograph of one Sir Percy Vincent, tipped to become London's next Lord Mayor. "Who was he, I wonder", he said. "And whatever became of him?".

Turning to me, he said: "Now here's a challenge for you, Jimmy. Try to write something interesting, just one paragraph, about the Lord Mayor of London. It will be a measure of success if you can even find out his name."

I decided to accept the challenge and I spoke to the Lord Mayor. His name incidentally, is Sir Lindsay Ring.

Sir Lindsay told me that he is the first Lord Mayor to instal bar billiards in the Mansion House, and the first in years who sleeps in a double bed. It is no ordinary double bed. It is enormous. It is the largest bed he has ever seen in his life—so vast that he cannot be sure whether his wife is sharing it with him or not. (Muggeridge also mentioned that people were more interested in reading about who sleeps with who, than about politics or anything else.)

Ephemera

Since daily journalism is ephemeral, it seemed appropriate to visit the first exhibition of the Ephemera Society, which opened last week in London.

The society was formed in February and its President, not surprisingly, is Sir John Betjeman. It is concerned with the preservation, study and presentation of printed and hand-written ephemera—items specifically designed for a limited useful life and throwaway disposal—tickets, trade cards, posters, Christmas cards, billheads etc.

There I met a man who has 10,000 comics and another—John Frost of New Barnet—who claims to be Britain's number one newspaper collector. He has 25,000 of them, dating from 1630. An antique dealer from Dorchester told me that his interest is in items relating to Dorset. He prefers the term "collector of typography" to that of "ephemerist".

Ephemera collectors are predominantly male. For most of them, it is an important and interesting hobby—but it can become an obsession. One item in the exhibition has already been stolen.

Glamour

I visited the Mitre, by Hampton Court Bridge, to meet this year's Miss World Contestants. The girls, having been on a conducted tour of Hampton Court Palace, arrived at the Mitre for what the management described as a typically English meal of melon, duckling, cheese and biscuits, a sweet and a slimming fruit punch. There had been a cordial invitation for reporters to conduct interviews and for intimate close-up photographs of the girls eating and drinking.

It was the first mealtime meeting for all the girls and I had the opportunity of talking to some of them—Miss Guam (20-year-old Dora Quintanilla) for example, who does not expect to win the contest but is determined to enjoy every minute of it. Barbara Neels, Miss Holland, who is 17, told me that she does not mind being looked at; and 22-year-old Vicki Harris, Miss United Kingdom and a former Miss Norwich, said something equally forgettable.

I am not sure how I was supposed to react but I thought it all harmless. I was amused by the idea of the bookmakers, who were also present, making their personal assessments and then announcing their opening odds.

Urban Dean

As a parish priest from rural Norfolk it seemed fun to go and meet the Dean of St Paul's, the Very Revd Martin Sullivan. We met in the Deanery—he referred to it as his tied cottage—and there we had a long conversation about himself and about the restoration of St Paul's.

The immense responsibility of caring for England's premier cathedral is not for him a tiresome burden but a labour of love, and he seemed pleased to be able to talk to me about it. He said that a recent article in the *Sunday Times* had been written about St Paul's without any consultation with him and, he added, it had contained a number of inaccuracies. Furthermore, a letter on behalf of the Dean and Chapter to the *Sunday Times*, had not been published. "People wonder why there was no reply. There was, but it has not been published".

I checked this with Simon Jenkins of the *Sunday Times* who told me that the letter had been received but they were unable to publish it because of an internal dispute. This story brought home to me how difficult it sometimes must be for journalists to give fair treatment to a matter where there are two irreconcilable positions.

The Dean took me across to the Cathedral, where the west front is still shrouded in scaffolding. "We have bought a proportion of that scaffolding", he told me, "because it is so expensive to hire. It is an investment. We can sell it quite easily when we have finished with it."

He referred to the wisdom of installing a fire-fighting system and explained that the new chairs were a gift of the Order of the British Empire. He revealed that it costs 60p a minute to maintain St Paul's. "A man who comes and preaches for 20 minutes is an expensive preacher", he quipped.

Songster

Being fond of opera I went to the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, the other afternoon. An army of workmen were on stage preparing the set.

I asked Sir Geraint Evans about problems of communication when assembling artists of different nationalities. "Everyone seems to be able to communicate in English—or pidgin English. Besides, music knows no bounds. I was admitted into Poland without a visa not so long ago."

Hoping for a rare treat I asked him if he would sing something for me but he said that he could not. "I need a uniform to be able to sing in front of people", he said. "Even when I am in church I sing only softly, so as not to embarrass anyone."

Sir Geraint has sung in opera houses all over the world but Covent Garden is his favourite. "I like to stand on the stage sometimes at a certain time in the afternoon and as I look across the house it seems to speak to me. All the memories of the past come back to me. I don't believe in ghosts but there is no doubt that this place is full of memories, so to communicate in some such way. I can feel the vibrations."

The man who set out to make ladies' fashion designers became an opera star in his own right. He will no doubt contribute to those vibrations himself.



And so . . . back to Mr WILLIAMS, The parish magazine for [illegible] her must be put to bed. [illegible] it will never seem quite the same.

TIMES PAST
THE TIMES
New Printing House Square, London, WC1X 8EZ. Telephone: 01-837 1234

FLOATING SUMMIT

is one safe rule about ational conferences. The the issues under discus- he fewer and less specific e conclusions. At first sight x nation summit at Ram- :t would seem to have ed the rule to perfection. eclaration issued by the ence is imprecise, general pen to more than one etation.

it would be a mistake to e that nothing of import- appened at the meeting. mitting themselves to few e steps the heads of state implicitly affirmed their i the present international ic order. They have done pite the existence of a wide economic crisis so nd so stubborn that many ers have begun to doubt the order, initiated at Woods in 1944, could intact.

international economic of the 1950s and 1960s ccessful in achieving re- rowth of world output. Its depended on three main ts, the liberalization of trade, an orderly structure rnational payments based ed exchange rates, particu- on the stability of the dol- nd the increasing availa- of raw materials and

the mid 1970s all seem threatened. Recession to a revival of protection- iment in certain countries, ng Britain; divergent eco- policies have caused the nment of fixed exchange nd the tilt in the balance nomic power between the States and Europe has undermined the strength of the dollar; and, finally, the commodity price explosion of 1973-74 has made the assumption of cheap and abundant raw materials appear too complacent.

The discussions at Rambouillet have centred around these three problems. The outcome, at least for those who believe that the existing order is the best guarantee of rising living standards and greater international cooperation in future years, is reassuring. No important departure from the system in the 1950s and 1960s, apart from continued exchange rate flexibility, seems to be contemplated. The leaders' determination to proceed with further trade liberalization in the next round of negotiations is particularly encouraging. One of the few discordant notes at the conference was Mr Wilson's statement that Britain would retain its freedom over imposing selective import controls if circumstances made them necessary.

The agreement between the United States and France over exchange rates is, perhaps, even more important. The Americans have in the recent past consistently favoured flexibility, while the French have urged a return to greater exchange rate stability. The Americans seem to have made some concession to the French view because they now promise that central bank intervention to smooth currency fluctuations will be undertaken if appropriate. But, in fact, the concession is only a token.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in conjunction with European central banks, does intervene at present to check erratic movements which it considers at variance with underlying economic and financial conditions. The latest American attitude can be described, at most, as a shift of emphasis. Some might feel that even that was an exaggeration.

The American resistance to rigid exchange rates does not arise solely from a doctrinaire preference for the operation of market forces in international trade and finance. It is also supposed to guard vital national interests. In the late 1950s and at times in the 1960s the United States felt that they were obliged to pursue restrictive monetary policies to support the external value of the dollar. These, they believe, checked economic growth and contributed to the loss of economic power to Europe and Japan.

The Americans, on these arguments, do not want this situation to continue. But other countries also have an interest in exchange rate flexibility, particularly in a period of economic disorder. It enables governments and central banks to follow monetary policies they believe appropriate to domestic circumstances and greatly increases their freedom of manoeuvre in economic management. Britain, for example, would have had to face a far more severe recession in 1974 and 1975 if it had not been able to depreciate the pound and stimulate exports. The danger of course is that the freedom given by floating rates will actually be used in an inflationary way.

Some disappointment may be expressed that the six leaders have tended to compare notes and exchange views rather than reach definite and emphatic conclusions. But it may be that history will judge the Rambouillet conference as valuable because the participants were prudent by deciding so little, not rash by deciding too much. An outbreak of "beggar-my-neighbour" policies on the scale of the 1930s now seems remote.

'SIDENT NYERERE'S STATE VISIT

nt Nyerere's state visit, begins today will no provide occasion for a of African problems. ceptance of the invitation is that he has buried the with which he for so long d at British Rhodesian s and other policies. It ow be obvious that there le the British government but await the outcome of lks between Mr Smith and omo and hope that the axis n Lusaka and Pretoria will w bring about a solution ne can accept. He will no give his views on détente, has made some strange ws, and he might indi- w formidable is the guer- allenge taking shape in relimo training camps in ia, in case arms are to matters in the end. ia, where arms are decid- rican differences, will be another topic. The President must find the sight distressing. He has become associated with China (which built the Tan-Zam railway from which Tanzania has so far made most of the profit). China strongly opposes Russia and the MPLA, yet it is with the MPLA with whom Tanzania's sympathies might be expected to lie, if only because that party is more marxist and less tribal than the other two, and because South Africa is backing them. Possibly Britain's position, less involved though presumably alive to western interests, may appeal to him. But it seems too late for any joint appeal for non-intervention.

Tanzania's domestic position is straitened. Zanzibar has substantial reserves, but Tanganyika's are very low, and the economy is depressed by the recession and the effects of past droughts. The creation of a new collectivist agriculture based on village cooperatives has caused suffering, is not complete, and so far leaves the country in need of food imports. As one of the 25 poorest developing countries, Tanzania has had much aid from world agencies. Britain has also helped to buy out the white farmers who farmed well but do not fit into Tanu socialist agricultural planning.

Mr Prentice has reorganized Britain's aid priorities in favour of the poorest countries and of rural and agricultural development, so Tanzania would seem a candidate for more. But Britain, like Tanzania, is having to borrow, and there is not much to pass on. Labour circles have always admired Mr Nyerere's socialism and his intellectual rigour, and in the conflict between social aims and hard economic facts they may find useful experiences to exchange despite the differences between one nation that is "developing" and one that having neglected itself needs to redevelop.

E THREAT OF ANOTHER COD WAR

ie breakdown of Mr. Hat- talks in Reykjavik there a real danger of another ar between Britain and . That is disturbing for les. British trawlers can y be given naval protec- enable them to continue within the new 200-mile at Iceland has unilater- osed, and they will have ght in international law so. The International The Hague ruled last t Iceland was not justi- nilaterally extending her l waters to 50 miles, and n be no greater justifi- or extending them yet th still no international it. But what the British industry needs above ig else at this time is

ritish fishing fleet has from 375 vessels little in a year ago to fewer . The trend is continu- new vessels have been by British trawler or the past year and it believed that they will prepared to make such nt until the future struc- the industry is known. ns that it is not enough for British trawlers to be enabled to continue fishing in Icelandic waters under precarious conditions on a day-to-day basis. They need the security of a long-term agreement.

Iceland needs such an agreement too. It is true that international opinion has moved much more in favour of a general 200-mile limit for territorial waters and that the next United Nations Law of the Sea Conference next year may well agree on such a figure. If that happens Iceland will have every right to require others to observe the limit that she has now imposed without legal authority. But that will not mean that Iceland any more than any other country can *ignore* the attitudes and interests of her trading partners. If Britain imposes a 200-mile limit, that will affect Icelandic herring fishing, unless there is a bilateral agreement. Still more important is Iceland's trade agreement with the EEC, the most important part of which has been blocked by the Germans because of their fishing dispute with Iceland. That dispute is probably about to be resolved but Iceland cannot expect that the EEC agreement will be implemented in full so long as she is in serious conflict with any member of the Community.

The question, therefore, is what scope there is for compromise. There should be some despite the intransigence at Reykjavik. Under the arrangement which expired last Thursday there was provision for British trawlers to fish about 130,000 tons a year in what Iceland claimed as her territorial waters. That settlement ran from 1973 and marked the end of the previous Cod War. British interests would be well satisfied now with a simple renewal of that bilateral agreement. But that is no longer practical politics. The total amount of cod fishing in the area needs to be reduced for the sake of conservation and it is reasonable that British fishing should be cut back to some extent along with the rest. But British trawlers should not be asked to contribute more than their fair share to the cause of conservation in one of their traditional fishing grounds. Yet at least the disagreement was only over the amount of British fishing in the area, not the principle. When an agreement is so much in the interests of both sides that ought not to be too wide a gulf to bridge.

ervice pay

s Gillian D. Williams

Rupert Evans's figure on remuneration being paid civil servants—whether at abroad—to send their chil- ee-paying schools are cor- rs November 15), I hope ers appreciate what this A direct subsidy is being e tax payers to the private tem. This is surely most and if I were a public ad, I would be feeling compromised.

it, by the way, hostile to ance of the private sector on.

hfully,
D. WILLIAMS,
ad Mansions,
Road, W9.
16.

S. C. Pigott

atulations to Mr Rupert r exposing so lucidly 15) the scandal of Civil Service pay and perquisites. Senior home civil servants and diplomatists serve us with integrity and high intelligence. Like many clever men, however, they often lack horse-sense and, sometimes, humility. Why else should they have sold their political masters the notion of "comparability" with industry, commerce and the professions? How *could* public service compare with work where ill-luck, wrong decisions or incompetence mean the sack?

By indexing their pensions to the cost of living, our mandarins have gone too far. Only decimation (by a Boadicea in Downing Street?) can now dispel their power.

Yours faithfully,
S. C. PIGOTT,
38 Rivermill,
151 Grosvenor Road, SW1.

From Mr Peter Burnstone

Sir, Mr Rupert Evans (November 15) does not need to use Civil Service pay and pensions to argue for an improvement in the amount of qualifying premiums for the self-employed to keep pace with inflation.

May I suggest two changes? First that the limit of 15 per cent be raised to 25 per cent with a maximum of £5,000 yearly, and second that this percentage be based upon gross earnings and not, as the legislation requires, upon "net relevant earnings" ie gross earnings after deduction of mortgage interest and other charges.

On the question of financial assistance to pay school fees, does Mr Evans really believe it is fair to expect the diplomat to take his child away from school because he has a posting in the United Kingdom and may not be able to afford to pay the school fees?

Yours faithfully,
PETER A. BURNSTONE,
12a/13 Well Court,
Queen Street, EC4.
November 16.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dismissal of Mr Whitlam

From Professor Colin Howard

Sir, Your editorial on the dismissal of Mr Whitlam by Sir John Kerr (November 12) is an exercise in the unreal. You have failed to appreciate the incredulity with which the news was first greeted across the country and the sense of shock which followed. In consequence you have not analysed the reasons for this reaction. You have also, owing no doubt, to incomplete information at the time, omitted to take into account the questionable way in which Sir John carried out the operation. You manage as a result to credit him with common sense and imply that he displayed statesmanship. On the contrary. There are now a great many voters of all shades of opinion in this country who are asking themselves if they need enemies with a friend like that.

We are in the midst of a political and constitutional crisis which was already beginning to cause some hardship and much inconvenience. Mr Whitlam and Mr Fraser had both taken stands on points of principle. Public opinion, which not long ago was well against Mr Whitlam on his record, had moved rapidly and decisively in his favour. This showed not merely that the majority thought that he was right on this particular point but also, and most importantly, that the community at large felt itself deeply and directly involved in the issue.

The quality of public comment was high and serious. The sense of the community appeared to be one of moderate, self-disciplined determination to see the thing through and force both sides to seek a political accommodation. The hope was to preserve the primacy of the House of Representatives without destroying Mr Fraser. Clear signs were emerging that behind the intransigent rhetoric, politicians were responding to this sentiment. There was still plenty of time for it to happen.

Out of the blue we were suddenly told that the merely titular non-elected head of state had taken the matter out of our hands in a manner which offended against just about every canon of parliamentary government one can readily call to mind. A few examples:

1. He dismissed the Prime Minister who held the confidence of the House of Representatives without giving him the slightest inkling of what was proposed.

2. He acted without consulting his own law officers but after secret consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court, who may well have to adjudicate at some future time on the validity of his actions.

3. He acted on the basis of assumptions of fact the correctness of which he could not know.

4. He purported to dissolve both Houses of Parliament without any demonstration that he possessed constitutional power at the relevant time to do so. The existence of that power is highly questionable.

5. Before Parliament purported to be dissolved the Senate had passed the budget legislation and the new Prime Minister had lost a vote of confidence in the House of Representatives. This meant that Mr Whitlam could perfectly well have continued to govern and Mr Fraser should certainly have resigned. The Governor-General failed to receive official notice of the vote in the House only because he declined to receive the Speaker before the purported dissolution.

6. He installed a government which does not have the confidence of the House of Representatives under circumstances which enable it to govern without parliamentary sanction and to run its election campaign with all the advantages of a government in office.

Sir John Kerr has not acted with wisdom or propriety. He has acted in paternalistic manner more befitting a politically immature colony than a responsible independent nation. His literal powers under the constitution are nothing to the point. It is perfectly clear from our classic commentary on the constitution by Quick and Garran (see for example pages 406 and 685), published in 1901, that those powers were from the outset intended to be exercised only on the advice of his ministers. Until now they always have been. As for the Senate's refusal to pass Supply, it is known to every Australian that this had nothing to do with safeguarding the states. It was a straightforward political power-play, also without national precedent until last year.

It is no wonder that many Australians feel alarmed and indignant. Some dangerous passions have been unleashed. Sir John Kerr was extremely misguided to appear to give his official sanction to what were no more than tough tactics by the Opposition which the community was in the process of evaluating for itself.

Yours faithfully,
C. HOWARD, Hearn Professor of Law,
University of Melbourne Law School,
Parkville,
Victoria, Australia.
November 14.

From Lord Boyd-Carpenter

Sir, There is one point in Philip Howard's most interesting article (November 12) on the duties in constitutional emergencies of the Queen and of her Governors-General which I would wish respectfully to challenge.

So far as the Queen's duties in the United Kingdom are concerned, he instances the case of a government which was seeking, without the justification of an emergency or the agreement of the opposition, to repeal the Quinquennial Act as an example of a case in which Her Majesty might dismiss her Government. But surely she has a simpler and more relevant action open to her. That is simply to refuse her assent to the Bill. That puts the ball neatly back in the ministers' court. They can either drop the Bill, in which case a dissolution follows automatically at the end of five years under the existing law. Or they can advise an immediate dissolution. Or they can resign, in which case their successors, being *ex hypothesi* without a majority in the Commons, would advise an early dissolution. Whichever of these things happen the matter would be promptly referred to the electorate.

And the Queen would be spared a general confrontation with her ministers and the party which supported them. Her difference with them would be limited, and manifestly seen to be limited, to the point in which she was clearly right and her action would be confined to preserving the electoral rights of her people.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
BOYD-CARPENTER,
House of Lords.
November 14.

Lords and the union Bill

From Mr Conrad Russell

Sir, There is an instructive contrast between the remarks of Mr Foot and Mr Hayward on the Lords' amendments to the Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill. Mr Foot accuses the Lords of frustrating the will of the *Commons*: Mr Hayward accuses them of obstructing the will of the *people*.

Mr Foot has perhaps chosen his words with the greater care: the vagaries of the electoral system have produced such a result that in this Parliament it is arguable that the Lords come nearer to providing an accurate representation of the will of the people than the Commons. In particular, it is arguable that there is an obligation on the Liberal peers to represent those millions of Liberal voters who, until electoral reform comes about, remain otherwise inadequately represented. In so doing, the Liberal peers may claim to express the will of the people with an accuracy the electoral system denies to the House of Commons.

If Mr Hayward denies this argument, let him answer this question: is he willing to submit the Government's Bill to referendum, to see whether it is the Lords or the Commons who enjoy "the full-hearted consent of the British people"?

Yours faithfully,
CONRAD RUSSELL,
29 Hamilton Road, SW19.
November 13.

From Mr J. E. Humphrey

Sir, Mr Michael Foot, apropos the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill, complains that the House of Lords is challenging democratic authority.

For my humble part, I believe most people are thankful for its lawful function of resisting any sort of bulldozer which, in the cause of dogma, easier exercise of power, sectional interests, legislative uniformity, or anything else, threatens to sweep away an essential freedom.

Yours faithfully,
J. E. HUMPHREY,
9 Offington Gardens,
Worthing,
Sussex.
November 13.

Fleet Street stoppage

From Mr J. Osborne

Sir, It is manifestly *not* "fair to point out that the recent stoppage on the *Daily Express*, which spread to the rest of Fleet Street, was caused by an engineers' pay claim in breach of the TUC's own policy of a £6 a week limit on settlements" (Leader, November 15).

Firstly, the disputed increase at the *Daily Express* was in fact negotiated before the £6 limit was imposed; the attitude, therefore, of the TUC or anyone else towards the merits or otherwise of this policy is not relevant to the present case.

Secondly, there was no "stoppage on the *Daily Express*" until the management there chose to sack members of our union who were carrying out mildly irritating action (working from their locker room) in furtherance of a dispute.

Up until the time that our members were sacked the other engineers considered the issue at the *Daily Express* to be domestic.

However, it ceased to be a domestic issue when 96 of our members were sacked and it was then that we decided unanimously at a mass meeting to cease work until our members were reinstated.

Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers members in Fleet Street are intelligent men and understand only too well the precarious position of our jobs and those of other print workers at the present time. That is why it is necessary for us to maintain and develop our solidarity.

We feel that the lecturing tone of your leader was directed to the wrong people. This dispute was brought about by the high-handed behaviour of the *Daily Express* management who, indeed, appear to believe that it is still 1785.

Yours, etc,
J. OSBORNE,
Father of the AUEW Chapel,
The Times,
New Printing House Square,
Gray's Inn Road, WC1.

Industry and the press

From Mr V. C. Carr

Sir, It has to be admitted that the trade union's treatment in the press can be, and very often is, less than fair. Mr Magee (article, November 10) conveniently forgets that television is infinitely more unfair to management and industry. The union point of view is invariably the theme of many programmes with management being given little chance to put a balanced point of view. Union leaders are often given an understanding hearing not accorded to management.

We would all clearly like to see a more accurate and responsible style of reporting in both media. I do not really believe that people concerned with the media really understand how their performance can make worse an already difficult situation. Good industrial relations is a key to overcoming our present economic difficulties. They must be treated with the respect they deserve.

Yours faithfully,
V. C. CARR,
3 Hillcrest,
Penley,
Near Wrexham, Clwyd.
November 10.

Psychology methods used by police

From Sir Geoffry Jackson

Sir, the article on "The gentle art of brain-washing" by William Sargant (your issue of Wednesday, November 12) left me worried. I have only thought to comment on its implication, however, on reading today (November 15) another press report that the writer, a leading psychologist, has been invited to the United States in connexion with the Patti Hearst case. So on psychology the article merits serious consideration as did Einstein on mathematics even if on politics and ethics we are all equal as laymen.

The article ends on the wholly ethical note that in recent police cases (Spaghetti House, Dr Herrema) virtue and non-violence have *triumphed*. All *its previous* drift, however, attributes to the police brain-washing techniques of suggestion, and instances dubious "voluntary" confessions so obtained. In isolation these implications blur the frontiers of right and wrong, at least as I have seen them.

Any captive is axiomatically under pressure. On the innocent victim, however, that pressure is used by his captor to condition a normal person and situation into a *state of abnormality*—loss of identity, false confessions, etc. On the cornered kidnapper or terrorist to the contrary the pressure is used to restore an abnormal situation, and people, back to the normality *of respecting their victim's life*.

It seems to me ambivalent to bracket legally constituted—and jealously invigilated—police force, striving to draw madness back to sanity, with the converse situation decribed for example, by Solzhenitsyn. It may be said that the situations are in essence the same; but an analysis which confuses and equates their utterly different legal and moral sanction and motivation does no service to our free society and those who are seeking to preserve it against arbitrary violence. Any account of such stress situations remains valid only so long as it reflects the absolute difference between the innocent victim and *his policeman, on the one side, and the Gestapo mind, in uniform or out, on the other.*

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY JACKSON,
63B Cadogan Square, SW1.
November 15.

From Mr John Sparrow

Sir, The story of the captivity and release of Dr Tiede Herrema—his heroic endurance, courage and magnanimity, and the patience, firmness, and self-restraint of the police engaged in rescuing him—is, surely one of the most moving dramas of recent times.

I was, *therefore, shocked to read* Dr William Sargant's article on the subject (November 12). Dr Sargant began by describing police practices as follows: "The police may take in anyone as a suspect and interrogate him or her on and off for five consecutive days. . . . Suspected terrorists may, in some cases, now be held for questioning for longer periods. The result of these interrogations is the 'voluntary' signed statement which the police are after." Dr Sargant proceeded: "Exactly the same methods are being used (he was writing a week before the siege actually ended) in the Herrema kidnapping case. *The victim and his kidnappers are trapped and kept under controlled tension and progressive nervous fatigue*" [my italics].

In such circumstances, Dr Sargant went on to say, "people can be made to sign statements . . . which will perhaps secure them a life sentence. . . . Stress must be gently applied, be varied, but basically persistent." We should not criticize the police at Monasterevin, he concluded: "After all, ordinary police get the most extraordinary confessions by this method, if given the time, without any need to beat up the suspect."

In short, the kidnappers were "trapped" and "kept under controlled tension" for a prolonged period, at the risk of Dr Herrema's life, in order to compel them to sign a "voluntary" statement. That this was Dr Sargant's reading of the situation is made still clearer by the suggestive title—"The gentle art of brain-washing"—under which his article was published, and by the caption—"induced fatigue and stress"—of the photograph of the kidnappers with which it was illustrated.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SPARROW,
Oxford.
November 16.

Confessions by accused

From Mr D. P. F. Wheatley

Sir, The suggestion that there should be an independent element during police interrogation (your editorial October 18) or that confessions made by suspected persons should only be admitted in evidence if made to a magistrate (Mr Rajan's letter of November 13) surely neglect the practicalities of a police investigation.

Experience shows that the "moment of truth" frequently comes at the very beginning of a police investigation. The burglar surprised at the open safe may really say "who grassed on me" or something similar which inhibits his later explanation that he had merely mistaken the house for that of himself or a friend. Is this important evidence to be excluded in his later trial because there was no recording device or because he refused to repeat it later to a magistrate? If so more villains will go free.

In addition, honest police officers, the vast majority, would surely be forgiven for feeling aggrieved that the admission of guilt they had heard when guilt was obvious must be excluded from the evidence in the subsequent trial at which the accused would be to the knowledge of the officers telling a pack of lies.

Yours faithfully,
D. P. F. WHEATLEY,
Cheriton,
36 Berwyn Road,
Richmond.
November 14.

Catholic liturgy

From Mr F. A. Donnellan

Sir, In your generous and gentle leader (November 8) following the death of Cardinal Heenan, you said something like "Catholics who wish to take Communion out of coffee-cups".

This is not only sweeping; as far as Catholics in England are concerned, it is also quite unjust. While it is true that there are English Catholics—myself among them—who would like to see a more flexible liturgy of the Eucharist, I doubt that there are any who would wish to treat the Sacrament as lightly as your "coffee-cups" idea would imply.

I have myself taken Communion in a way which would be frowned on—at least by English bishops—both in England and in Ethiopia; ordinary bread is used, and ordinary wine; the bread is received in the hand, not on the tongue; the participants pass the Sacrament to each other. Coffee-cups are for afterwards.

In these celebrations, I have never noticed any reduction in the reverence in which the Sacrament is held by those receiving it—if anything, the opposite is the case. What is impressive, though, is the atmosphere of peaceful love which characterizes such celebrations.

It is a mistake to dismiss this as "Communion in coffee-cups". The fact that you have done this shows that the late Cardinal taught you little about charity.

Yours &c,
TOM DONNELLAN,
PO Box 98,
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Public debate on defence

From the Editor of Jane's Fighting Ships

Sir, Having recently returned from a visit abroad, the aim of which was to discuss Soviet naval affairs, it was interesting to find the article by Miss Mary Kaldor in your issue of October 29 and the subsequent correspondence.

Our freedom to express opinions, *so different from the situation in* the USSR, imposes a duty to ensure the accuracy of the facts on which those opinions are based. Miss Kaldor's facts are, as has been pointed out, regrettably inaccurate in many places. At a time when, as Professor Buchan (November 6) points out, the whole array of Western defence is wide open to public inspection as never before it is reasonable to hope that truth about Nato could be achieved. So far as the Warsaw Pact figures are concerned it can only be claimed that those published are best estimates derived from many sources, some of whom, despite Dr Cox's appeal (November 10), must remain anonymous for their own well being.

The known facts on the Soviet navy can be based in fair measure on close-range observation now that the ships of that fleet are deployed worldwide. Such analysis must be the province of the "experts" whom Miss Kaldor castigates but whose standing she does not attempt to define. One definition of an expert is "one with familiar knowledge" and had the authoress used such knowledge she would have avoided some of the major errors in her article. Quite rightly she states "the counting game" and then proceeds to use it herself. The statements that "the Soviet naval build-up . . . is little more than an illusion" and that "the Soviet Union has *fewer ships* than it had in 1958—all that has changed is their deployment" are apparently based firmly on "the counting game". With a little "familiar knowledge" Miss Kaldor would have recognized the vast technical improvements which make such simple comparisons meaningless and would have seen that the training and experience of the modern Soviet navy has immensely improved since 1958. Their deployment has indeed altered—instead of a coastal defence force this navy *is now an expression of world-wide sea power.*

It is a force whose running expenses cannot be compared with those current in Western navies. With the pay of a junior ordinary seaman in the Royal Navy (£1,708 per year) nearly four times that of his most affluent Soviet opposite number, it is both pointless and mischievous to attempt overall comparisons.

Finally, let Miss Kaldor be assured that it is not the armed forces, the defence companies and the research and development establishments who decide the pattern of our defence but the elected representatives of the general public.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MOORE, Captain, RN,
Jane's Fighting Ships,
Elmhurst,
Rickney,
Near Hailsham, Sussex.
November 14.

Dogs and cats

From Mr Peter Butchard

Sir, Has Mr Levin considered what might happen to him should he ever be canonized and become a Saint Bernard?

Yours faithfully,
P. BUTCHARD,
6 Egerton Drive,
Greenwich, SE10.
November 12.

From Mrs P. Vereker

Sir, Perhaps the last word may be found in the story of J. M. Keynes and Lord Catto on board ship. Keynes responded to the notice on his neighbour's cabin door "CATTO" by inscribing on his own door "DOGGO".

Yours truly,
PATRICIA VEREKER,
73 Cuniliffe Close,
Oxford.
November 11.

From Mr Monja Danischewsky

Sir, The dog/cat confrontation: "Cry, 'Havoc!' and let slip the cats of war?"

Yours faithfully,
M. DANISCHEWSKY,
North Lodge,
Boundstone,
Farnham, Surrey.
November 11.

Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls.

£30,139 277,199 304,850 337,574
*Excluding surplus of approx £75m on revaluation of properties at 1st April, 1975 and provisions for deferred profit of £88m.
GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

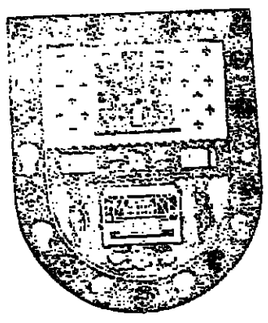


TRUTEX LIMITED CLITHEROE
SHIRTINGS LTD
HENTHORN MANUFACTURERS LTD
NEATEX LTD
REGISTERED OFFICE



"Midland Bank helps us provide a service rather than just products"

–John Robinson, Managing Director of Trutex Limited at Grindleton, Clitheroe



Trutex Linited has its headquarters beside a quiet salmon river on a stretch of Lancashire moorland.

"In one form or another, and on the same site," says John Robinson, "this company has been involved in textiles for 109 years.

"At the beginning, we manufactured textiles. But nowwe have twenty factories, a work force of around 2,000 people, and make children's school and leisure clothes. In fact, we are a leading supplier through both small retailers and large groups.

"Our growth reflects two objecives–to rationalise continually in the interests of efficiency, and to provide an important service rather than a mere range of products.

"But it is fair to add that we would have found it difficult to achieve either objective without thehelp of Midland Bank."

Changing with the times

"We've banked with the Midland since 1915," says John Robinson, "and they have helped us n many ways to adapt ourselves to new conditions.

"In recent years we have specialised in children's school wear, but now we have also developed a rarge of colourful leisure wear for young people. To do so we have had to expand considerably, and Midland Bank has helped us in our acquisitions and building programmes. Forward Trust another Midland Bank Group company, has also been of assistance with loans for the purchase of new machinery and equipment."



Continued development

"One essential for continuing development," says John Robinson, "is our good working relationship with our staff.

"All our production units are small and friendly, and new arrivals in the company often ask us why our employees feel they are letting themselves down if they don't give 101 per cent effort.

"Another essential is our excellent working relationship with Midland Bank. Our confidence is based on the many years we have done business together, and on the high standard and range of services provided by Midland Bank Group."

Your local Midland branch can provide you with further details on the range of services available from Midland Bank Group.

Midland Bank Group

Principal trading companies: Midland Bank Limited, Clydesdale Bank Limited, Clydesdale Bank Finance Corporation Limited, Clydesdale Bank Insurance Services Limited, Scottish Computer Services Limited; Northern Bank Limited, Northern Bank Development Corporation Limited, Northern Bank Executor and Trustee Company Limited, Northern Bank Trustee Company Limited; Midland Bank Trust Company Limited; Midland Bank Finance Corporation Limited, Forward Trust Limited, Midland Montagu Leasing Limited, Griffin Factors Limited, Midland Bank Trust Corporation (Jersey) Limited, Midland Bank Trust Corporation (Guernsey) Limited; Midland Bank Insurance Services Limited; The Thomas Cook Group Limited, Thomas Cook Limited, Thomas Cook Overseas Limited, Thomas Cook Bankers Limited; Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited (Incorporating Drayton), Drayton Montagu Portfolio Management Limited, Northern Bank Finance Corporation Limited, Midland Montagu Industrial Finance Limited, Jersey International Bank of Commerce Limited; Bland Payne Holdings Limited, Bland Payne Limited, Bland Payne Reinsurance Brokers Limited, Bland Payne (UK) Limited, Southern Marine & Aviation Underwriters Inc., Bland Payne Australia Limited; Guyerzeller Zurmont Bank AG.

هكذا من الاصل

OURT CULAR

AM PALACE

17 : The Queen, as ief, today visited ards at Combermere ndsor.

een received upon he Colonel (Admiral the Earl Mountbatten er Majesty honoured ding Officer (Lieu- S. C. Cooper) with at luncheon in the se.

Susan Hussey, Lieu- the Right Hon Sir teris and Captain ove were in atten-

of Edinburgh visited orce West Raynham n.

een received upon Station Commander n K. Wirdnam), His s met a representa- the staff and subse- an aircraft of The t for Heathrow Air-

e of Wales was ening at a Reception n of the Golden Association of Royal at Fishmongers'

the Duke of Edin- the Royal Smith- Earls Court on Dec-

service for the life way will take place 's, Westminster, on ember 20, at noon.

service for Major J. will be held in the apel, Wellington on Wednesday, at noon.

arranged between noon and Miss Sarah or take place.

s today

nover, 65; Sir Leslie ount Boyd of Mer- Bruce Fraser, 65; neral Sir Otway Her- Earl of Malmesbury, C. A. W. Manning, 69; Sir Richard 85; Sir Alexander Mr Justice Watkins.

ointments

Defence announces appointments :

J. Jackson to be y to the Head of as a major-general in succession to al C. W. Coultnard. S. Green, Senior er at the Royal earch and Develop- ment to be a Vice- the Ordnance Board eral in March, 1976, to Major-General reau, who it to re- P. H. Benson, Chief Movement Officer, to be Transport ef (Army) as a in March, 1976, in Major-General P.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. M. D. Havelock-Allan and Miss L. C. Mitchell-Innes

The engagement is announced between Anthony Mark David, younger son of Sir Anthony Havelock-Allan, Bt, of Via Niccio Porpora 16, Rome, and of Mrs John Profumo, and Lucy Clare, only daughter of Mr Alexander Mitchell-Innes and the late Mrs Mitchell-Innes, of Kitchers, Albury, Hertfordshire.

Mr A. J. Beveridge and Miss E. L. Allom

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mrs E. K. Beveridge and the late Mr C. R. Beveridge, of Groombridge, Kent, and Elisabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs L. B. Allom, of Auckland, New Zealand.

Mr D. A. Caine and Miss F. L. Selwood

The engagement is announced between Denis Alan, son of Mr J. R. Caine, of 19 Albion Gate, W2, and the late Mrs Mabel Caine, and Frances Lynn, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Selwood, of 69 Exeter House, Putney Heath, London, SW15.

Mr J. P. Curran and Miss M. Y.-Y. Hung

The engagement is announced between James Patrick, son of Mrs N. G. Curran, of West Farm Cottage, Godmanchester, Huntingdon, and the late Mr G. P. Curran, and Margaret Yu-Yin, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hung Sun, of Graham Road, Wimbledon, London, SW19.

Dr C. H. Roads and Miss C. M. A. D. Lothian

The engagement is announced between Dr Christopher Roads, elder son of the late Mr H. C. Roads and of Mrs Roads, of Trumpington, Cambridge, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr A. N. C. Lothian, Mountfield Cottage, Musbury, Devon, and of Mrs M. P. Morris, North Quarme, Wheddon Cross, near Minehead, Somerset.

Trust to help young opera singers

An annual scholarship to assist young opera singers of outstanding talent has been founded by the Leche Trustees in memory of Sir Thomas Beecham. It is open to opera singers of any nationality with professional experience, resident in this country, receiving vocal training under a recognized teacher. Applicants should normally be aged between 25 and 35.

Application forms are obtainable from the Secretaries of the Trust, Gartmore Investment Ltd, Cavzer House, 2 St Mary Axe, London, EC3A 8BP; the closing date for next year will be March 1.

The Leche Trust was established in 1963 for general charitable purposes, in particular the furtherance of education, by financial assistance to individuals or grants to academies and other bodies. It also helps musical and operatic projects.

Christening

The infant daughter of Sir Richard and Lady Hyde Parker was christened, Lucy Hyde by the Rev Charles Herbert at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Long Melford, on November 15. The godparents are Mr Paul Bathurst Norman, Miss Lise Garming and Miss Carolyn Gerard Leigh.

Bishop enthroned

The Right Rev John Yates, aged 50, was enthroned as thirty-ninth Bishop of Gloucester yesterday at Gloucester Cathedral.

Receptions

Mrs M. Baring

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster attended a reception given by the High Sheriff of Greater London and Mrs Mark Baring for the judiciary of Greater London at Brooker's, St James's Street, yesterday evening. Among others present were :

Lord and Lady Michael Fitzalan-Howard, the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Eccles, Lord and Lady Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chief Justice and Lady Widgery, the Master of the Rolls and Lady Denning, Lord and Lady Salmon, Lord and Lady Donaldson of Dartmill, Lord and Lady Scarman, Lord and Lady Kilmuir of Fawley, Lord and Lady Simonds of Hanworth, the President of the Family Division, Lord Justice and Lady Lawton, Lord Justice and Lady Megaw, Sir Peter Rawlinson, QC, MP, and Lady Rawlinson, Sir Richard and Lady Hetch, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Eric Penn, Mr Justice and Lady Bridges, Mr Justice and Alderman Lady Donaldson, Mr Justice and Lady Templeman, Mr Justice and Lady Ackner, Mr Justice and Lady Kerr, Sir Denis Dobson, QC, and Lady Dobson, Sir Seymour Egerton, Sir William and Lady Harris, the John and Lady Pridgeon, Sir Charles and Lady Williams, General Sir Rodney and Lady Moore, Professor Sir Cyril and Lady Clarke, Major Sir Reginald and Lady Hadgkiss, Sir Lester Hollom, the Solicitor General and Mrs Armer, the Clerk of the Privy Council and Mrs Leigh, the Queen's Remembrancer and Mrs Jacob, the President of the Law Society and Mrs Lignins, the High Sheriff of Kent and Mrs Phillimore, circuit judges and other members of the judiciary and representatives of the legal profession in London, with their ladies.

Association of Royal Navy Officers

The Prince of Wales was the guest of honour at a reception held yesterday in Fishmongers' Hall commemorating the golden jubilee of the Association of Royal Navy Officers. He was received by the president, Admiral Sir William O'Brien, and the chairman, Captain George Symonds, RN. Among those present were :

Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma, the First and Second Sea Lords, the Chief of Fleet Support, and Commander Lord Strathclyde, RN.

Dinners

Lady Rowlandson

Sir Graham and Lady Rowlandson gave a dinner party yesterday evening at 18 Grosvenor Square, in honour of the Korean Ambassador. Those present included :

The High Commissioner for the Republic of Sri Lanka and Mrs Jayewardene, the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt and Mrs Anwar, the Earl and Countess of Cowdrey, Lord and Lady Merrivale, Baroness Gaitskell, and Sir Paul Bryan, MP, and Lady Bryan.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

The annual dinner of the quantity surveyors' division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors was held yesterday evening at Grosvenor House. The president of the division, Mr V. B. Johnson, was in the chair, and other speakers included Mr Timothy Raison, MP, and Lord Denning.

British Italian Society

The British Italian Society gave a dinner yesterday evening at the Savoy Hotel in honour of the Italian Ambassador and Signora Ducci. Mr James Callaghan, MP, and Mrs Callaghan attended. Others present included :

The Earl of Dropheda, Lord Hastings (president) and Lady Hastings, Lord Nathan, Lord and Lady Cobbold, Helen Lady Dashwood, Lady (Edgar) Bonham Carter, Sir Ashley and Lady Clark, Sir Gilbert Longden, Sir John Pilcher (secretary) and Lady Pilcher, Sir John Pope-Hennessy, Miss Dilys Powell, Mr and Mrs Russell Taylor, the Consul General and Signora Manca, and other members of the Italian Embassy and friends of Italy.

Gardeners' Company

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Mr Sheriff Hedderwick, with Mrs Hedderwick, attended the livery dinner of the Gardeners' Company at the Mansion House yesterday evening. The Master, Mr D. M. H. Longman, presided. The Upper Warden, Mr C. R. Crosse, the Lord Mayor, the Master, Commander and Alderman R. D. P. Gillett, Mr I. Kerman and Mr F. W. Fox were the speakers.

Old Ardinians' Society

The annual dinner of the Old Ardinians' Society was held yesterday evening at the Law Society. The president, Mr David Bayly Pike, was in the chair, and the Headmaster of Ardingly College, Mr C. H. Bulteel, and the head prefect, Simon Parke, were among the guests.

Service dinner

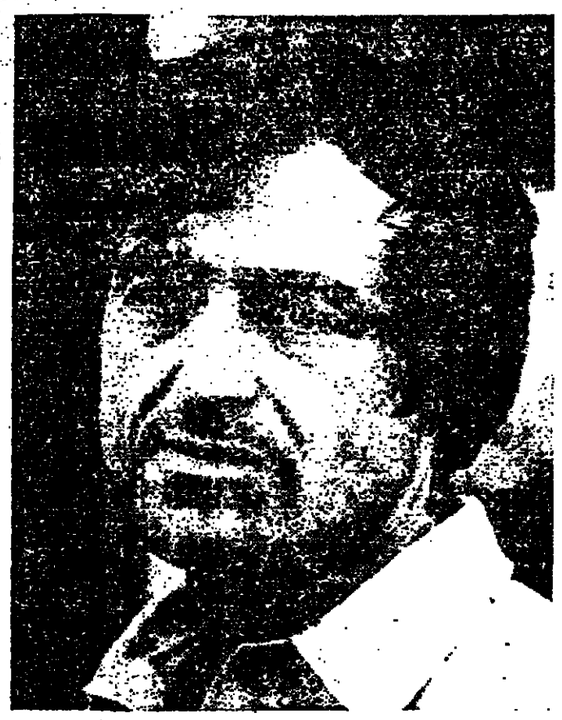
Royal Green Jackets

The Royal Green Jackets Territorial and Volunteer Reserve held a dinner yesterday evening at Clothworkers' Hall. General Alexander M. Haig Jnr, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, was the principal guest. The honorary colonel, the Hon Richard Wood, MP, presided ; among other guests were :

Mr Roy Mason, Secretary of State for Defence, and Lieutenant-General Sir William Scotter, Vice Chief of the General Staff.

Duke of Gloucester

The Duke of Gloucester has taken on the following patronages : Patron, League of Friends of Royal National Hospital ; Patron, Essex Field Club ; Patron, Scottish Homoeopathic Research and Educational Trust ; Freeman, City of London ; President, 71000 Duke of Gloucester Preservation Society ; Commodore, Royal Ulster Yacht Club.



Jon Stallworthy, author of Wilfred Owen's biography.

Poet wins prize for life of Owen

By a Staff Reporter

Lord Goodman will present the 1975 W. H. Smith literary award to Mr Jon Stallworthy at a lunch today, for his biography of Wilfred Owen, the poet.

So the award of £1,000 will go to a contemporary poet for his biography of one of the finest poets of the 1914-18 War. Mr Stallworthy, born in 1935 of New Zealand parents, has himself published six collections of poems, as well as critical works and editions of other men's poetry. He is deputy Academic Publisher of the Oxford University Press. His winning book, *Wilfred Owen, a Biography*, is published jointly by OUP and Chatto at £6.75. It is the first definitive study of the full range of Owen's work in biographical context. It lays the groundwork for the complete poems of Owen, which are being edited by Mr Stallworthy, and is the basic text for all students and readers of Owen.

Mr Stallworthy said yesterday: "Owen was unlucky in everything that happened to him throughout his life, except in the one thing that mattered: his poetry. When he died, only four of his poems had been published in literary magazines, and his reputation was confined to a small circle. But a true poet expects from the precedents to grow into his audience with time; and today Wilfred Owen's poems sell thousands of copies a year. One of the admirable features of the W. H. Smith award is that it takes particular account of poetry and books of poetry in advance of the judgments of posterity."

Four winners of the award, since it was initiated in 1961, have been practising poets. The prize goes to the author of the book that, in the opinion of the judges, constitutes the most outstanding contribution to English literature during the calendar year under review.

The David Higham prize of £350 for fiction was awarded yesterday for the first time, being divided between two authors. They are: Jane Gardam for *Black Faces, White Faces* (Hamish Hamilton) and Matthew Vaughan for *Chalkp* (Secker and Warburg). This annual award is made for any first novel written in English by a citizen of the British Commonwealth, Republic of Ireland, or South Africa, being judged "a novel of quality which shows promise for the author's future". It is named after the doyen of British literary agents, 50 years in the trade, who throughout his career has fostered novelists of quality and written a number of novels himself.

Latest wills

Residue to Guards' Chapel Fund

Hilda Mary Maskery, of Chesterton, Staffordshire, left £18,024 net. She left some effects to her executors and the residue to the Guards' Chapel Fund, Wellington Barracks.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid, duty on some estates not disclosed) :

Barnard, Mr Reuben Harry, of Cadney, Humberside (duty, £13,376) £113,529
Dunn, Miss Florence, of Greater Manchester £90,637
Ireland, Florence Ellen, of Shorne, Kent £85,873
James, Miss Olive Richmond, of Tettenhall £75,540
Wilkinson, Mr John Booker, of Scarborough £80,522

Florence Nightingale Trust

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a reception after the inaugural meeting of the Florence Nightingale Aid in Sickness Trust to be held on Monday, December 8, at 3.30 pm at St James's Palace.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, honorary life member, presents Duke of Edinburgh's Prize of British Sub Aqua Club at Buckingham Palace, 10.30 ; as President of Royal Society of Arts, attends symposium and presents the presidential awards for Design Management, Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, 3.30.

The Duke of Gloucester opens VSO week in Manchester, Manchester Evening News Centre, 11.15.

The Duchess of Gloucester visits Princess Christian School, Wilbraham Road, Manchester, 11.15.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester attends Royal Concert, Festival Hall, 8.

Princess Alexandra, patron, visits new factory and headquarters of London Association for the Blind, 14-16 Verney Road, Rotherhithe, 2.30.

Third day of library sale realizes £102,000

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The sale of Arpad Plesch's great botanical library attracted bidders to Sotheby's from all over Europe yesterday. It was the third day's sale, covering authors whose names begin with letters from H to L ; the 167 lots made £102,634, with only one £180 lot unsold. The top price of £10,450 with premium was paid by Quaritch for the 15 volumes recording, with hand-coloured plates, the botanical discoveries of Humboldt, Bonpland and others in South America. Entitled *Voyage aux Regions Equinoctiales du Nouveau Continent*, it was published between 1808 and 1834 ; it is rare to find a complete set and this one, richly bound, was at one time in the Austrian Imperial Library.

Another outstanding price was the £8,800 (estimate £4,000-£5,000) paid for L'Héritier's treatise on dogwoods *(Cornus)* of 1788. It is one of six copies printed on vellum ; copies printed on paper might make £800 or so, but illustrated flower books printed on vellum are very rare. It has six plates, each in two states, hand-coloured by the great P. J. Redouté and his younger brother, H. J. Redouté. Quaritch paid the same price (estimate £4,000-£6,000) for G. W. Knorr's *Thesaurus Rei Herbariae* of 1750-72 ; a very rare book, it has not been seen at auction since the 1920s.

Sotheby's also held a sale of portrait miniatures, enamels and objects of virtu. The sale totalled £45,042, with 9 per cent unsold. A 1796 miniature of a little girl, Agnes Mary Cockburn, by John Smart, made £4,620 (estimate £2,000-£3,000) ; it went to a German private collector.

Sotheby Parke Bernet in New York sold modern prints on Friday. The star lot failed to find a buyer ; it was the complete set of 347 etchings, aquatints, drypoints and engravings executed by Picasso between March 16 and May 10, 1968 ; it had been expected to fetch $450,000 to $550,000 but in the event was bought in at $325,000 (£162,300). Otherwise most of the lots were successfully sold. Edvard Munch's "Weibliche Aktfigur—Die Sünde" made $42,500 (estimate $40,000 to $50,000) or £20,681, while "Nude with raised arms seated 'before' a fireplace", a Matisse lithograph of 1925, made $32,500 (estimate $24,000 to $28,000) or £15,815.

A sale of English pottery and porcelain at Christie's yesterday went according to expectations. A fine Derby turquoise-ground ornithological dessert service, painted by Richard Dodson, made £2,541 with premium (estimate £1,800 to £2,200) ; a gold anchor Chelsea Derby bucket-shaped cup and saucer in Sèvres style with landscapes on a turquoise ground made £750.75.

Jubilee event raises hopes for redesigned coinage

By Our Coins Correspondent

A recent announcement in Parliament that the word "new" may soon be omitted from our coinage gives rise to speculation among coin collectors, for 1977 is the jubilee year of the Queen and many hope that a new coinage will be designed to mark the occasion. There is reasonable precedent for their hopes.

The jubilee of George V was marked by the issue of a silver crown. Although its design, by Percy Metcalfe, was controversial, it was popular. *Coins Market Values, 1975*, quotes proof pieces at £100 (2,500 struck) ; specimen pieces, carefully struck but not proof condition, at £10 ; and uncirculated currency pieces at £5. About thirty specimens were struck in gold and balloted for. Their price is about £3,500.

A single coin is perhaps inadequate to commemorate the jubilee of a British monarch. In any case, a single coin of crown size, value 25p, was issued in 1972 to mark the silver wedding of the Queen. The British public has had since 1971 to get used to the word "new". Opportunity could therefore be taken to mark 1977 omitting the word and, issuing a set of redesigned coinage.

Again, ample precedent exists. The golden jubilee of Victoria was so marked, but in this era events move with more speed. Even without a royal celebration coins have been redesigned during a reign, as in 1927.

Ever since 1953 the selling of either limited numbers of proofs of current coins or of the current coins themselves, both suitably encased, has become big business, in which the Royal Mint takes part.

There is also the opportunity for British artists to submit designs which the Royal Mint Advisory Committee will usually consider. Admittedly few are accepted, mainly because of the unusual technical considerations that must govern any design that has to finish as a coin. Even so, over the past seventy years several artists have found recognition through the coining presses of the Royal Mint.

The Mint seems successfully to have overcome the task of replacing the entire British coinage. One would assume, therefore, that it could now deal with a new design.

Camrose trial

R. D. Bretherton and R. Morrish scored a runaway win in the final Camrose trial organized by the English Bridge Union in Coventry at the weekend, finishing 131 points ahead of Ian Panto and Peter Lester (our Bridge Correspondent writes). The first three pairs are assured of places in the England team for the home international series for the Camrose Cup starting in January. The field of 28 pairs, nine of whom had qualified from an earlier trial, finished in unusually strung-out positions, but the selectors were vindicated in that the first five places were occupied by exempted pairs. Results :

1, R. D. Bretherton and R. Morrish (Herts and Bucks), 267; 2, I. Panto and C. P. Lester (Sussex), 136; 3, D. F. Hugget and M. R. Pomfrey (Southern Counties), 95; 4, S. N. Goldenfield and D. A. Robson (North-west), 64; 5, A. D. Clark and S. W. Burn (Kent), 46; 6, P. N. Lee and C. Leigh (Yorkshire), 45.

Church news

Appointments :

The Rev J. W. Harvey, the Rev F. A. Preston, and the Rev W. S. Allam to be prebendaries of St Paul's.

The Rev W. H. Barnard, Rector of Hinton Martell, to be also Rural Dean of the Wimborne Deanery, diocese of Salisbury.

The Rev J. M. Brotherton, Rector of Diego Martin, Trinidad, to be Vicar of St Mary and St John's, Cowley, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev C. J. Hall, curate of St George's, Morden, diocese of Southwark, to be Vicar of St Paul's, Hyson Green, Nottingham, diocese of Southwell.

The Rev T. Jones, Rector of Llanfachraeth, Llanynghenedl and Llanfigaill, to be Rural Dean of Llifon and Talybollon, diocese of Bangor.

The Rev H. Morgan, curate of St Paul's, Newington, and St Michael's, Camberwell, to be curate of St Michael and All Angels, diocese of Southwark.

The Rev S. R. P. Spilsbury, curate of Cricklade with Latton, to be priest-in-charge of All Saints', Swindon, diocese of Bristol.

The Rev C. Still, domestic chaplain to the Archbishop of York and diocesan director of ordinands, to be part-time secretary, with responsibility for recruitment and publications, of the Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry, from February, 1976; from the same date to be also priest-in-charge of Oxnam and Harrchford, diocese of Guildford.

The Rev K. Yates, auxiliary priest working as personnel officer at Laporte's of Humberside and in the group ministry at Louth, to be full-time personal assistant to the Bishop of Lincoln.

Diocese of Chelmsford

The Rev R. I. Smith, curate of Christ Church, Eston, with Normanby, diocese of York, to be team Vicar of St Mary's, East Ham.

The Rev A. G. Smith, Rector of Mistley with Manningtree, to be Rural Dean of Harwich.

Diocese of Durham

Deaconess M. Parker, Secretary of the Diocesan Committee for Women's Ministry, to be head deaconess in the diocese.

The Rev E. M. Shesog, Vicar of St Michael and All Angels' Abbey Wood, diocese of Southwark, to be priest of St Michael and All Angels', Bishopwearmouth.

Diocese of Lichfield

The Ven C. W. Borrow, Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent, to be also priest-in-charge of Sandon.

The Rev D. L. Mann, Vicar of Sheen and priest-in-charge of Calton, to be priest-in-charge of Ellastone with Stanton.

OBITUARY

MR R. C. SHERRIFF

Author of 'Journey's End'



Mr R. C. Sherriff, FSA, FRSL, a volunteer soldier of the First World War, who lived to be the author of the most famous play about it to be written anywhere, *Journey's End*, died on November 13 at the age of 79.

Robert Cedric Sherriff ("Bob" Sherriff), the son of Herbert H. Sherriff, was born on June 6, 1896, at Hampton Wick, Surrey. On leaving Kingston-on-Thames Grammar School, where he was captain of rowing and cricket and edited a magazine, he became a clerk in the Sun Assurance Company in 1914. A few months later he enlisted in the 9th East Surrey Regiment. He was commissioned, served at Vimy and Loos, and was severely wounded at Ypres in 1917. Discharged with the rank of Captain, he returned to insurance work—he was now an adjustor—and to his favourite sports and hobbies.

The latter included playwriting, and soon an amateur society at Kingston-on-Thames unofficially adopted Sherriff as their resident playwright. *Journey's End*, which he worked on while recovering from a bout of scarlet fever, was based on his letters from the Front to his mother. Although no play such as this with a dug-out for setting and an all male cast had yet been seen in postwar London, it was accepted by the Stage Society and given two performances in December, 1928, under the direction of James Whale, after three other directors had been offered the job and had turned it down. Harold Monro of the Poetry Bookshop was in the audience at the first performace, on a Sunday night, and at the end of it rang up to tell his friend, Maurice Brown, who was then contemplating going into management in London, that this wonderful play by an unknown author was the very one for Browne to put on. Browne succeeded in acquiring an option on it some days later, and in January, 1929, he presented it in the West End, with Colin Clive in the part of the young company commander, Stanhope, originally taken by Sir Laurence Olivier.

When it came off after 594 performances, most countries in the world possessing a theatre had heard of it and in some 20 of them it had been produced. Stresemann, the German Foreign Minister, and Einstein were among those who regarded the play as a contribution to the cause of international brotherhood and world peace and helped to organize a gala performance of it in Berlin. Film versions were made in English and (with Conrad Veidt as Stanhope) in German; the sale of the manuscript raised £1,500 for the League of Nations Union. The general verdict at the height of all this success might have been summarized as follows: a great play, no; a great war-play, yes; a play fulfilling what is surely a great purpose in bringing home to audiences everywhere what modern warfare really is like. And the most recent revivals of the play have all tended to confirm that *Journey's End* has, on any count, matured into a period piece of great durability.

Sherriff, in collaboration with Mr Vernon Bartlett, turned the play into a novel, and in 1930 he allowed Maurice Browne to present an early comedy of his, *Badger's Green*. But it was still not known what his next play was to be. Was it perhaps about Captain Scott's journey to the Pole? Apparently it was not; when a senior playwright Mr St John Ervine asked Sherriff point blank what he was going to do now, he replied: "I'm going up to Oxford to read History". "And to take up rowing again", he might have added, for that is what this modest man who had just made a fortune did on arriving at New College in 1931, having read reviews of his new novel *The Fortnight in September* during the journey up.

From Oxford he moved to Hollywood, where the film scripts he worked on included those of Remarque's *The Road Back*, Wells's *The Invisible Man* and Galsworthy's *One More River*. A play about Napoleon in exile, *St Helena*, written by him in conjunction with Miss Jeanne de Casalis, the actress, who was then married to Colin Clive, was produced at the Old Vic in 1934. This, apart from *Journey's End*, was the one theatrical occasion on which he succeeded in using his laconic style to distinguished purpose and carried public praise from eminent persons, including Sir Winston Churchill.

A new play by him was not again seen in London until 1948, but in the meantime he brought out four more novels, was appointed literary adviser to Alexander Korda, and was engaged during the war years on the screen plays of *Lady Hamilton* and *This Above All*. His most notable piece of work in that time was by common consent *The Dam Busters*, a war film that was not shown until 1955.

By then Sir Ralph Richardson had appeared in two new plays by him *Home at Seven* (1950) and *The White Carnation* (1953). These were followed by the production of *The Telescope* (1957) first as a straight play, later as a musical *Johnny the Priest*, and of a play set in Roman Britain during the last days before the withdrawal of the Roman garrisons *The Long Sunset* (1955). He also wrote for radio *Cards With Uncle Tom* (1958) and for television *The Ogburn Story* (1963) and published his autobiography *No Leading Lady* in 1968.

The sunset of men's lives, whether it comes down in earnest as in *Journey's End*, or is a false sunset, the mere threat of a disaster that is averted, as in *Home at Seven* and *A Shred of Evidence*, provided Sherriff with the theme of most of his plays. It appears in *Greengates*, too, a novel published in 1936, probably the most substantial of all his novels, being the story of what happened to an insurance clerk after his retirement from business.

As Sherriff grew older, the place in his life of cricket and rowing was taken by archaeology; he helped to excavate a Roman villa at Angmering and the fort of Procolita on Hadrian's Wall; but once he had discovered playwriting, he stayed with it. He liked best to practise it in the big study of his house at Esher, coming into and going out of the room as his characters entered or left the stage and trying over their speeches in his own voice till he got them right. He founded a scholarship at his old college at Oxford in 1937. He was unmarried.

LORD TUCKER

Lord Tucker, who was a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary from 1950 to 1961, died yesterday at the age of 87.

An admirable judge, his conduct of cases and the soundness of his law was clear and his mastery of the issues obvious. Though the sentences which he passed were sometimes severe he was a man of human understanding where that, and not sentimentality, was needed. He was much liked and greatly respected by those who knew him. A sense of humour and a gift for after-dinner speaking were also among his qualities.

Frederick James Tucker, the son of Frederick Nugent Tucker, was born on May 22, 1888. He was educated at Winchester and New College, Oxford (of which he was made an Honorary Fellow in 1946), and graduated with honours in jurisprudence in 1911. He served as a lieutenant in the 1914-18 War. In 1914 he was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple (becoming a Bencher in 1937 and Treasurer in 1960) and joined the Western Circuit. He was in chambers with Raynor Goddard (later Lord Goddard, Lord Chief Justice of England). His practice was by no means confined to civil work, and on circuit he appeared in several murder trials which attracted attention. In 1933, he took silk, and in 1936 was appointed Recorder of Southampton. He was a member of one of the committees set up by the Lord Chancellor, in the latter year, after the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Dispatch of Business at Common Law, to review the distribution of assize facilities.

On the death of Mr Justice Swift in 1937 Tucker, at the early age of 49, was nominated by Lord Hailsham, then Lord Chancellor, to fill the King's Bench vacancy. In September, 1945, he presided at the Central Criminal Court at the trial for treason of William Joyce ("Lord Haw-Haw").

Later that year he was made a Lord Justice of Appeal, and in 1950 he was appointed a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, taking the title of Baron Tucker of Great Bookham, in the county of Surrey.

The needs of the Barristers' Benevolent Association—like most benevolent associations—require practical results if its useful purposes are to be maintained, and to this end Tucker gave valuable service first as Honorary Secretary, and later as Honorary Treasurer, of the association during the years 1918 to 1927. He had also been a member of the General Council of the Bar.

In June, 1954, the Departmental Committee on New Trials in Criminal Cases (of which Tucker was the chairman) recommended that the Court of Criminal Appeal and the House of Lords should be empowered to order a new trial where the appeal of a convicted person was based on the ground of fresh evidence, but (by a majority of five to three) not in other cases. This highly debatable question has long been the subject of deep controversy and divided opinions, and its was not until the passing of the Criminal Appeal Act in 1964 that power was given in certain cases to order a new trial.

Another strongly contested problem, particularly by the press, was the subject of inquiry by a Departmental Committee, set up in April, 1957, and of which Tucker again was the chairman, namely whether it was necessary or desirable that any restrictions should be placed on the publication of reports of proceedings before examining justices. Among their proposals, issued in July, 1958, the Committee recommended that restrictions should be set on reporting committal proceedings in magistrates' courts.

After so long and devoted service to the law and the public interest Tucker retired in 1961.

In 1918 he married Benedicta, the daughter of the Rev C. P. Beryman. She died in 1972. He was made a Privy Councillor in 1945.

Lieut-Col Hubert McBain, OBE, MC, who died on November 16 at the age of 81, was a Deputy Lieutenant for co Durham from 1952 to 1959.

Science report

Immunology: Histocompatibility antigens

The histocompatibility antigens which cause tissue rejection did not evolve merely to make life difficult for transplant surgeons. Although it has been known for some time that they are associated with susceptibility to some diseases (for example multiple sclerosis), it is only recently that their true function has begun to emerge. After many years of patient and detailed research immunologists are beginning to conclude that the histocompatibility antigens are crucial in natural resistance to viral infections and perhaps cancer.

More recent, and more controversial still, is the discovery that they are genetically related to factors that control the early development of embryos. Those factors must have appeared at the point when many-celled animals evolved from primitive single cells, and derive from one of the most ancient genetic systems in the history of higher animals. Some immunologists think that the histocompatibility antigens and the entire immune defence system of the body may have evolved from the genes that first evolved to control the development of many-celled embryos.

The link between the embryonic factors and the immune system was first detected when biologists began to investigate some mutations which arrest embryonic development in mice. They used genetic methods to trace the mutations to a group of genes, known as the T locus, on one chromosome.

They wanted to know what those genes produced that had such fundamental importance in embryonic growth. A large team working in the Pasteur Institute in France and the universities of Texas and Cornell, and the Sloan-Kettering Institue of New York, traced the products of the genes to substances in the surface of the embryonic cells. Those substances had the interesting property that each appeared and disappeared at a different specific stage in the development of the embryo.

The team surmised that the cell surface substances were part of an important labelling system that enabled the embryonic cells to recognize one another and assume the correct relationships for normal growth and development.

When they set out to identify the cell surface label more precisely, they discovered its relationship with the histocompatibility antigens. They knew that the T genes occupied a region on the mouse's choromosome that was exactly adjacent to the region containing the histocompatibility genes. Now they have analysed the structure of one of the cell surface labels (known as T antigens) in detail, and found that it is similar in several ways to the histocompatibility antigens.

Their discovery represents a further link in a growing chain of relationships, since only recently immunologists discovered that a similar structural relationship exists between the histocompatibility antigens and the antibodies that are produced as a well understood part of the mechanism of disease resistance.

The researchers, Dr Ellen Vitetta, Dr Dorothea Bennett, Dr Karen Artzt, Dr Edward and Dr Francois Jacob, believe that what started as a labelling system for multicellular development may have evolved, as animals grew increasingly complex, into a labelling system that enabled them to recognize and reject foreign invaders.

That theory has been developed in more detail by Dr Jan Klein, of Texas University, in the light of important new discoveries on the function of the histocompatibility antigens. It seems that those antigens are what the patrolling white blood cells of the immune system "see" and recognize on the surface of cells. In normal circumstances, of course, the cells do not attack other cells bearing their own histocompatibility antigens. But if those antigens are altered by chemical treatment, by viral infection or perhaps in cancer, they are identified as foreign and rejected.

Dr Klein suggests that the T antigens originally evolved as a labelling system for guiding embryonic cells into the right development path. Then as animals increased in complexity they began to need some defence from smaller parasites, and the histocompatibility genes developed out of and alongside the T genes as a labelling system to guide that defence.

Finally, as living systems became increasingly elaborate, the same family of genes evolved to produce the antibodies which are the most sophisticated line of immunological defence for higher animals.

Those speculations are relevant to evolutionary history and to numerous modern health problems. For example, congenital defects in babies can arise from abnormalities in the genes controlling development, and disease resistance, autoimmunity and cancer may all be closely linked with the functions and dysfunctions of the immune system, its surface labels, and the substances, such as antibodies, which it secretes.

Although at this stage the emerging picture is still controversial, it is among the most important recent developments in that field of study. It is leading scientists to examine more primitive species in an attempt to confirm the evolutionary progression which seems to be outlined by the recent discoveries.

By Nature-Times News Service.

Source : Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, USA (72, 3215 ; 1975).

© Nature-Times News Service, 1975.

IC SITUATIONS

H-SPEAKING
SS—TEHERAN
START 1976

young lady with ility to supervise 2 nd 13, at high- an family. Should years. Experience d preferred. No ties. Own room igh salary offered.

RS. ANDERSON evenings).
04 8558

PTIONAL UNITY FOR D COUPLE

after Christmas, couple such as ex- and wife as Cook- weekend cook for modern house on Thames. Separ- tained furnished asonable wages. ences required. r. 1642 S. The

NIA HERE I ME !

ried for large 7, girl 5 and erley Kilns, Cali- be responsible, non-smoker, car air ticket pro- l expenses. Sal-

3 0931 day.

EMAN

mother in small e in Surrey. available. Hours ht.

384 3219

EPER required ry. Capable young in and organise married couple and Position requires ly and immaculate ase write Box 1512

REQUIRED, St. area: 2 children must be over 28. ni family.—Phone

USEKEEPER re- uxury hotel in Previous experi- Please apply to y, Executive Head he Capital Hotel, ightsbridge, S.W.3. 71

AU PICCADILLY London or abroad St. 41, 920 4751. aired, for collec- 11.—See General

ET required for gentleman, to live nodation in W.1 le service and HR d wages and rota- g weekends, two 3 weeks holiday. am Rowlandson, London Wall. 566. mother's helps ssel Agency 01-7591 1497

KEEPER required d between 20 and ularly. Phone 1251 3983 (eves.). ary and perman- ownware, Hamples Stratford Road, 5 2090.

required for Lon- perienced in cont and lemissary l salary. Single rried accommoda- paddfield, nr. Car- 1. Tel. 01-928

Occasional/Per- 11 Beauchamp 0232 58U 3566. Pettishall 636

DOMESTIC SITUATIONS

CHAUFFEUR

An unusually attractive position with excellent conditions of work at a Wiltshire country house: a first-class man is required, preferably Rolls-Royce trained; weekly salary £30, a modern flat (C.H.) and uniform provided; the position is permanent and pensionable.—Apply in writing giving full details of age and experience, to

THE AGENT
Flintham House
Oaksey, Malmesbury
SN16 9SA

NANNY/PART-TIME NURSE

required in Twickenham, Hounslow area 3-5 days a week to help look after baby. Very good money for the right person. Apply in writing to

MRS J. FOSTER,
c/o JOHN FOSTER ASSOCIATES,
16 Catherine Street, W.C.2.
or tel. 01-836 8972 (office hours).

HOLIDAY HELP REQUIRED

Two weeks from 18th December. Housework and some plain cooking. Children 5 to 20 and animals all ages. Country Christmas. Live as family. Driver preferred.

GREENNELL,
River, Petworth,
Sussex.

Lodsworth 242

NANNY/MOTHER'S HELP

required for south German country house. Driving licence essential, own car preferable. Must like country life.

Telephone :
Chipping Warden 277
(Nov 11-20).

COOK/HOUSEKEEPER required by family of 5, in modernised Georgian house, East Anglia. Opportunity to travel with family. Same duties in Palm Beach, U.S.A. during February and March each year. Ample other domestic help kept. Apply briefly in the first instance for further particulars to Box 1222 C The Times.

EXPERIENCED HOUSEMAID required to work with housekeeper on large country estate. Good wages and excellent accommodation provided. Apply: The Secretary, Cornbury Park, Charlbury, Oxon.

VALET. Able to drive for small country house, Worcestershire. Only first class person considered. Box No 1711 S, The Times.

WORKING HOUSEKEEPER. Cottage n.w London. Good girl 2 adults. British Agency 01-811 1... London Rd., Horsham. Tel 5571.

REQUIRED

ALL GRADES NURSES available for private duties in homes, SRNs available for overseas escort duties. Mayfair Nursing Service, 124 Brompton Road, London, S.W.3. Telephone 01-589 3800, 3808, 3489.

ALL DOMESTIC STAFF.—Resident daily, perm./temp. Eaton Bureau.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HELP ? Families required for well educated French girls as Au Pairs. Vac-Work, 9 Park End St., Oxford. Tel. 41978.

DOMESTICS FROM PHILIPPINES speedily arranged. Experienced recommended maids, housemen, couples, 2 years' contract.—Tel straight 836 7080, New World Agy.

FROM PHILIPPINES.—Experienced domestic staff speedily arranged. Tel 01-836 8551 (24 hrs).

HOUSEKEEPER/MOTHER'S HELP with young child, seeks position. —01-755 0944.

MAIL Child Care officer seeks position. References. 073081 2379.

Registered No. 884545 England.

Stephenson will join Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and Administration and Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls.

*Excluding surplus of approx £7m on realisation of properties at 1st April, 1975 and provisions for deferred profit of £6m.

	1975	1974	1973
	277,199	304,855	337,574

GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

Weatherall Green & Smith
Chartered Surveyors · Estate Agents
London Leeds Paris Nice Frankfurt

Stock Exchange Prices

Strong gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Nov 17. Dealings End Nov 28. § Contango Day, Dec 1. Settlement Day, Dec 9
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

INSURANCE

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
75	19	Bowring	75	+2	3.3	4.4	..
108	33	Brentnall Beard	75	+3	4.7	6.0	5.1
164	59	Britannic	157	-3	10.8	6.9	..
159	68	Com Union	142	-8	10.4	7.3	..
116	44	Eagle Star	135	-1	7.7b	5.7	..
216	50	Equity & Law	194	+6	7.6	3.9	..
175	62	Gen Accident	165	-3	8.5	5.2	..
220	89½	Guardian Royal	207	-2	11.9b	5.7	..
230	48	Hafford Shead	230	+2	8.5	3.7	14.4
282	75	Heath C. E.	282	-12	9.4	3.3	13.3
185	40	Hogg Robinson	185	+3	6.2	3.4	12.0
149	30	Howden A.	142	+1	3.7b	2.6	16.1
156½	36½	Legal & Gen	145	-3	6.7b	4.6	..
125	33	Leslie & Godwin	112	-3	5.2	4.7	14.4
142	45	London & Man	130	-1	6.9	5.3	..
205	62	Matthews W'son	172	-4	11.4	6.7	14.4
121	34½	Minet Hldgs	121	+5	3.6	3.0	21.3
224	91	Pearl	233	-4	14.8	6.2	..
228	103	Phoenix	226	-4	12.7	5.3	..
130	60	Prov Life 'A'	125	..	10.2	8.2	..
130	60	Do A Br	130	..	10.2	7.9	..
130	60	Do B	125	..	10.2	8.2	..
128	60	Do B Br	125	..	10.2	8.2	..
141½	60	Prudential	136	+2	7.8b	5.7	..
300	110	Refuge 'A'	235	-2	15.2	8.1	..
160	48	Do B	126	-4	9.6	7.6	..
320	138½	Royal	318	+4	20.6b	6.5	..
275	93	Sedg. Forbes	275	+3	12.0b	4.4	21.3
121	27	Stenhouse	78	..	4.8	6.2	9.1
480	207½	Sun Alliance	450	-10	24.3	5.4	..
95	31	Sun Life	95	+5	3.9	4.1	..
156	75	Trade Indem'ty	147	..	10.1	6.9	..

OIL

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
89½	32½	Ampol Pet	47	..	3.9	8.2	12.8
91	53	Attock	56	+1	6.3e	11.2	9.8
105	30½	Berry Wiggins	39	+7	3.0	8.0	20.6
180	66	Brit Borneo	132	+7	7.9	6.0	17.4
595	191	BP	587	+7	26.5	4.5	4.3
193	27	Burmah Oil	32	+1	..	..	..
29	11½	C F Petroles	£21½	-½	102	4.7	3.6
108	32	Oil Exploration	56	..	2.5b	4.4	..
19¾	7	Premier Cons	9	+¼	..	..	..
30½	8	Ranger Oil	£8 1/16	+½	..	..	..
3¾	2¼	Reynolds Dly	3½	+¼	..	..	..
31	14¾	Royal Dutch	£29½	+¼	147	5.0	5.2
385	119	Shell	385	+6	19.7	5.1	4.9
126¾	13¾	Tricentrol	44	+2	..	..	12.3
240	66	Ultramar	213	+5	..	..	4.8

SHIPPING

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
232	82	Brit & Comm	196	+2	31.6	7.9	3.1
95	40	Fisher J.	40	..	3.6	4.3	4.3
250	101	Furness Withy	221	+2	5.9	4.4	5.0
310	75	Hunting Gibson	152	..	13.0	9.3	4.4
42½	11	Jacobs J. I.	15	+½	..	..	..
48½	17	Ldn & O'seas Fr	27½	-1¼	3.0	12.3	1.4
225	[illegible]	Manch Liners	[illegible]	..	..	..	..
137	50	Ocean Trans	137	+3½	9.8	7.1	13.0
134	57	P & O 'Dfd'	113	-4	6.1	..	..
115	58	Runciman W	110	..	9.5b	8.7	4.6

● Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 17.11.75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	156.36	6.02	11.31	153.22
Largest Coys.	155.50	6.06	11.50	152.??
Smaller Coys.	159.13	5.87	9.92	156.74
Capital Goods	[illegible]	5.44	10.04	[illegible]
Consumer Goods	[illegible]	6.20	10.73	[illegible]
Store Shares	[illegible]	6.19	7.70	[illegible]
Largest financial shares	193.05	5.27	—	191.??
Largest financial and industrial shares	162.65	5.91	—	159.65
Commodity shares	[illegible]	4.21	22.09	227.07
Gold Mining shares	470.93	7.15	10.43	459.31
Industrial debenture stocks	77.17	8.02*	—	77.03
Industrial preference stocks	50.60	14.40*	—	51.88
3½% War Loan	23¾	14.67*	—	23¾

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

* Flat interest yield.
● Ex-dividend.

THE TIMES
BUSINESS NEWS

Lovell
for CONSTRUCTION

ng the most
closure
ployees,
21

economy is
iding for
irpest decline
44 years

Westlake
s this year almost
witness the sharpest
n economic activity
severe decline in
e beginning of the
omic slump.
the contraction of
y in 1975 is certain
be much smaller
931 decline, it will
ess far exceed any-
ed over the inter-
ars.
ry Government fig-
shed yesterday by
Statistical Office,
in the first three-
1975 there was a
er cent in Britain's
goods and services
th 1974.
the pace of the
peared to have
nsiderably in the
r.
al three months of
e economy is expec-
ther flat or showing
recovery, but this is
alter materially the
vealed by the first
s.
economic activity of
now indicated for
post certain to lead
ressure from trades
ts and some sections
our Party for some
measures to stimu-
nomy.
t of the recession
ever, now appear to

Yesterday's provi-
es for the gross
oduct, which is the
economic activity,
of less than ½ per
hird quarter of the
ed with a drop of
in the second quar-

will be the fourth
quarter in which
mestic product has

ective 2 to 2½ per
or the whole year
ith 1974) will rep-
the third year since
y fall in total nat-
t has occurred.
previous drops, in
958, were compara-
at 0.7 and 0.12 per
tively. The 1931 de-
round 6 per cent.
e broad areas of the
easured by the gross
product figures—in-
duction, distribution,
transport and other
is the first two
responsible for the
overall contraction
quarter.
production, ac-
nearly half of nat-
it has shown a
striking decline this

in is still likely to
han West Germany
this year, according
orecasts, although
than Japan and the
es.
figures published
the Department of
owing the level of
mand for goods in
reet, provide little
nt of any early re-

GDP

Gross domestic product at constant factor cost (1970=100) and seasonally adjusted:

	Based on expenditure data	Based on income data	Based on output data	Average estimate
1972	103.9	103.5	104.6	104.0
1973	109.4	108.7	110.4	109.5
1974	110.5	109.3	109.7	109.8
1972				
Q1	101.8	99.1	101.5	100.8
Q2	104.4	103.8	104.5	104.2
Q3	103.8	104.2	105.3	104.4
Q4	105.8	106.9	107.7	106.6
1973				
Q1	111.3	108.4	110.7	110.1
Q2	109.1	109.2	109.8	109.4
Q3	109.3	108.5	110.8	109.5
Q4	108.1	108.8	110.5	109.1
1974				
Q1	107.2	103.8	107.7	106.2
Q2	110.8	109.3	110.2	110.1
Q3	113.1	111.8	111.2	112.0
Q4	110.9	112.4	109.7	111.0
1975				
Q1	111.2	109.3	109.4	110.0
Q2	109.0	106.8	106.4	107.4
Q3	—	—	106.0*	—

* Preliminary estimate

RETAIL SALES AND HP

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for the volume of retail sales and value of new instalment credit released by the Department of Industry:

		Sales by volume 1971=100	New credit extended £m
1972		105.8	2,497
1973		110.7	2,871
1974		109.9	2,517
1973	Q1	111.8	761
	Q2	108.3	681
	Q3	110.6	717
	Q4	112.0	712
1974	Q1	109.8	576
	Q2	107.3	614
	Q3	111.0	648
	Q4	111.6	679
1975	Q1	111.5	723
	Q2	108.7	756
	Q3	105.3	733
1974			
October		111.4	231
November		112.8	224
December		110.8	224
1975			
January		113.0	246
February		112.3	243
March		109.4	234
April		120.2	271
May		102.5	247
June		104.5	238
July		104.7	246
August		104.9	235
September		106.0	252
October*		105.0	—

* Provisional

covery in the British economy.

They suggest that the volume of retail sales last month was rather lower than in September when there were tentative signs that a *mild recovery in consumer demand might have been* under way.

As a result, the level of spending in the months April to October was on average 4½ per cent below the average of the fourth quarter of 1974 and the early months of 1975, allowing for *seasonal influences.*

Chrysler hears conditions for UK aid

By Maurice Corina

A tentative offer of Industry Act assistance on strict conditions is believed to have been put to the Chrysler Corporation of America in the resumed government talks about its British subsidiary's future operations.

Any state aid will be conditional on substantial funds being raised in parallel by the United States car group and backed by assurances on the marketing of a new European car to be made in Britain and capable of export to the Middle East and United States markets.

Yesterday, Mr John Riccardo, chairman of the Chrysler Corporation, accompanied by Mr Don Lander, managing director of the United Kingdom subsidiary, met Mr Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry, to hear the Government's response to various points raised at their last meeting on November 3.

Mr Varley was supported by *Mr William Ross, Secretary of* State for Scotland, and, for the Treasury, by Mr Edmund Dell, the Paymaster General and an expert on government-industry aid problems.

There was no official confirmation after the hour-long meeting, which began at noon, that the Government was willing to provide financial aid. But some sources said discussions were to continue between the Chrysler management and Whitehall officials led by Mr Peter Carey, Second Permanent Secretary (Industry).

These talks, which follow up points raised between Mr Varley and Mr Riccardo, will undoubtedly explore in more detail the financial requirements of Chrysler UK in the next few years, with forecasts of the market for new European car models designed in association with Chrysler (France).

There is a plan for a new car to be made in Britain; but the Chrysler Corporation seems reluctant to put up the development funds in view of its worldwide financial problems.

Mr Riccardo is known to be sceptical about the future of the British subsidiary, which employs 27,000 workers. Reports yesterday that the parent corporation wants to hand the company over with all assets, liabilities, orders, and goodwill were not denied in Detroit.

There, a spokesman said it was hoped to resolve the issue of Chrysler UK's future "as soon as possible—hopefully this week". *But in London, Whitehall* sources suggested that negotiations could drag on for some time before any firm decisions were made.

This would seem to suggest that if the Government is willing to provide some funds to keep Chrysler UK going, then Mr Riccardo has to be persuaded to provide commensurate support.

If Chrysler Corporation pulls out, it will not be the end of the matter, for the Government is very much aware that Chrysler (France) will become the even more cars into Britain and tearing up written undertakings given to Whitehall about manufacturing operations in the Midlands and Scotland and export performance.

Although there are undoubtedly differences of view among ministers, the disadvantages of not coming to the rescue of Chrysler have been spelled out clearly in reports prepared for meetings under the Prime Minister's stewardship.

These are the enormous costs of redundancy payments, now guaranteed by the state, and unemployment benefits. The number of jobs lost if Chrysler UK was shut down would be higher than the payroll because of the component supply contracts involved.

Heavy liabilities range from car warranties to trade creditors' bills and the Government itself has certain unsecured loans outstanding.

However, the most persuasive *argument for offering some* financial help on conditions is the threatened loss of exports worth £100m a year and the risk of a further surge in imports, since British Leyland, Ford and Vauxhall will not necessarily gain Chrysler's present market share of about 7 per cent.

Given the present franchise territories of existing home manufacturers, Chrysler dealers would tend to turn to foreign car suppliers to save their businesses—and importers are main European base, bringing known to be on the lookout for newcomers to their networks of sales outlets.

Chrysler UK has itself some important dealerships in direct ownership.

All these are strong arguments for trying to save Chrysler. Against them is the risk of the Treasury being landed with an open-ended commitment.

There has been a clampdown in Whitehall on news of the discussions. A Chrysler spokesman said: "Mr Riccardo wants the whole thing kept to himself, if you like, and this is the way he is keeping it. To a large extent the Government feels the same way, as I understand it."

However, it is known that Chrysler UK cannot raise additional banking support without state guarantees, though present funding is continuing normally, helped by short-term money supplied from America.

If there is to be a Whitehall rescue, the possibility of government participation in the equity alongside the Chrysler Corporation seems a likely basis for an offer under the Industry Act's aid to industry provisions.

But the Government would want not only assurances from the Chrysler Corporation on development and marketing policies but also need some tangible commitment from the trade unions on productivity and any necessary reorganization of productive facilities.

BSC importing steel from European rivals to supply customers

By Peter Hill
Industrial Correspondent

With thousands of its workers on short time, the financially *distressed British Steel Corporation* is to import huge quantities of steel from its European competitors to fulfil major home market contracts. The purchases are believed to involve about 100,000 tonnes with an estimated value of £13m.

This action comes at a time when trade unions are pressing the Government to implement import controls on selected goods to protect the jobs of British workers. The foreign purchasing scheme by the BSC is geared particularly to meeting the requirements of the motor industry, and reflects the corporation's anxiety not to let *down its home market cus*tomers, as it did last year.

But the steel unions are not happy about the European purchases, particularly in the light of the BSC's insistence on more redundancies and the prospect of further short-time working.

At the same time, the unions' ability to challenge the action is constrained to some extent by the fact that the corporation could claim that the need to resort to foreign suppliers is partly the result of industrial disputes and technical difficulties at key plants.

Whatever the background to the BSC's move, it will almost *certainly spark off a storm when* Parliament reassembles tomorrow. Some steel-making constituency MPs made it clear that they would be pressing the Government to legislate urgently against imports of foreign steel.

The corporation, which yesterday reported a first half-year loss of £125m coupled to a forecast that it would lose well over £300m in the current financial year, is operating most of its plants at a substantially reduced level because of the worldwide slump in steel demand. The recession is expected to continue until at least the second half of next year.

BSC marketing executives have been out scouring the country, indeed the world, for new orders, and it seems their efforts paid off recently. But with contracts to supply substantial quantities of steel to the motor industry and to other consumers, it became clear that the BSC's own facilities would not be able to meet the contract terms in the first quarter of next year.

The BSC has been dogged by labour disputes, even during the present recession, and has also been hit by technical problems. Key factor among constraints on BSC is the £27m blast furnace at Llanwern, in South Wales, which has been shut down since its completion earlier this year, as a result of a dispute with the blast-furnacemen. A Court of Inquiry report into the dispute is expected shortly.

Although the BSC last night was unable to comment formally on the embarrassing import situation, it is believed that executives have been tying up deals with European producers, *including those* in Holland, for some weeks.

Long-term strategy: Announcing yesterday that Britain's first two direct production steel plants are to be built at Hunterston, on the Clyde, Sir Monty Finniston, BSC chairman, appealed to the Government not to allow short-term recessions to affect the industry's longer-term plans.

Government approves rescue plan for NVT

By Clifford Webb

Outline approval has been given by the Government to a rescue plan for Norton Villiers Triumph which calls for the motorcycle company to continue business in a small building adjoining its main plant at Small Heath, Birmingham.

It is understood that NVT management want to complete a number of partly-built Triumph Trident machines at Small Heath and then cease motorcycle manufacturing for the time being.

Fewer than one hundred people would be employed producing spare parts while NVT attempts to find the finance necessary to resume full manufacturing.

A key factor in the proposals is the continuance of profitable sub-contract work for other *firms,* including Massey Ferguson and Dowty. This can only be done, however, with the approval of the Receiver now in charge at Small Heath.

A creditor's petition, seeking the compulsory winding-up of NVT Manufacturing—the Small Heath operation—was adjourned for seven days in the High Court yesterday to give creditors time to study the rescue plan.

Counsel appearing for the company's receivers, Charles Aldous, said that the plan had been given outline approval by the Government.

Mr Hugh Palin, an NVT director, said last night: "We have to obtain the approval of a lot of people before we can go ahead with proposals to save a remnant of NVT. We want to extricate the barest minimum necessary for us to make a fresh start.

"In addition to the Department *of Industry who are look*ing after the Government's investment in NVT, we have to consult their financial advisers Hambros Bank, our own bankers, the Receiver at Small Heath, the liquidator at Wolverhampton, the Meriden Co-operative, and the unions.

"But the underlying problem remains we have three separate bodies all pursuing their own ideas

"The plain fact is, however, that we need a strong personality who can put all three into a bag and shake them up until they emerge as one viable operation."

US and France pact on currency intervention

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, November 17

The most concrete result of the Rambouillet meeting was the signing by Mr William Simon, United States Secretary for the Treasury, and M Jean-Pierre Fourcade, the French Finance Minister, of the text—which is not being published for the time being—laying down in detail the conditions under which the American Federal Reserve system and the Bank of France would intervene to prevent "erratic" fluctuations in the exchange rate between the dollar and the European "snake".

This agreement was endorsed by the *finance ministers* of the other four countries taking part in the meeting.

It was described by Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, in his statement at the close of the meeting as an important compromise between the French and American *standpoints* on exchange rates.

And Mr Healey, the Chancellor, who had to go off to a Community finance ministers' meeting in Brussels, was quoted by Mr Wilson as saying that it had "substantially broken the back of the problem faced by the Jamaica conference in January.

"Both sides have gone a very long way and we are delighted with the result", the Prime Minister stressed.

The tendency on the American side, however, was to play down the extent to which the United States government had agreed to move away from its position on free exchange rates.

"There was no agreement of any kind on fixed rates", Mr Simon told the Press after the end of the meeting. "We talked about a system to prevent rapid fluctuations".

American comment on this exchange problem and on the Rambouillet meeting as a whole was extremely succinct, because President Ford left without a briefing of the press, and did so in his aircraft on the way back to Washington.

But what was agreed goes *much further than that.* The text, President Giscard d'Estaing told a press conference, falls into two parts. The first is an analysis of the world economic and monetary situation which concludes to the need to work toward a stable exchange system by reducing these erratic fluctuations.

The second part defines the contents of the new version of Article Four of the revised statutes of the IMF on exchange rate fluctuations. "The main problem here had been disagreement between France and the United States on this point. Now it is settled", the *President said. It remained for* the text to be approved by the partners of France and the United States in the IMF, which was why it was not being published yet.

Three levels of consultation are provided for by the text signed by the two finance ministers and endorsed by their colleagues.

The first is that of governors of central banks who are to meet frequently to review the exchange position.

The second is that of the exchange control authorities in the six countries. And the third is the finance ministers.

Asked for a definition of "erratic" exchange rate variations, the French President refused to talk in terms of percentages

Optimism boosts share prices

By Our Financial Staff

Views that the stock market is set for further strong gains seemed to overtake all other considerations in London yesterday and the new account started with an advance of almost 10 points in the *FT* ordinary share index.

Set against the general news *background,* many dealers felt the strength of the market was rather overdone and could not be sustained for long.

But they emphasized that most of the business was genuine to the extent that prices were "bought" all the way up with some help from the institutions. The *FT* index ended the day up 9.9 at 375.5.

Heavy CU loss: Commercial Union, one of the biggest United Kingdom composite insurance groups, suffered its worst underwriting losses for 12 years in the third quarter of this year. The result was that CU made an overall loss of £700,000 before tax in this period.

Global underwriting losses in the first nine months of 1975 soared to £46.7m compared with £11.1m in the corresponding period of 1974

So, although investment income rose 35 per cent to £74.7m during the first nine months the growth was insufficient to prevent pre-tax profits declining to £13.7m against £14.4m at the interim.

The deterioration was a good deal worse than expected, and on The Stock Exchange, where relatively poor figures had been expected from CU, the shares of the group fell 8p to 142p

Financial Editor, page 21

Challenge on coal imports

By Ronald Kershaw

Mr Arthur Scargill, the Yorkshire miners' president, yesterday challenged Mr Arthur Hawkins, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, to justify importing £92m worth of Australian coal at £4.44 a ton dearer than British coal. Mr Scargill revealed that in a private meeting with Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, Mr Benn had expressed concern at the situation and had agreed to look into the matter.

After a meeting of the Yorkshire area National Union of Mineworkers executive committee yesterday, Mr Scargill said that about five million tons of coal had been imported from Australia at a cost of £92m. Stocking costs, he claimed, would add £20m to £25m to the bill. As a consequence, British people were paying more for electricity.

Such coal, said Mr Scargill, *could be produced from* British pits. "I hope that the Government will stop imports of coal immediately. They ask people to give a year for Britain. Loyalty works both ways."

Britain signs tin agreement

By Wallace Jackson
Commodities Editor

Britain announced yesterday that it was signing the fifth International Tin Agreement at United Nations headquarters in New York, and would be making a financial contribution to the buffer stock of the International Tin Council.

Under the agreement, which comes into force on July 1 next year, consumer countries are called upon to make voluntary contributions of cash or metal to increase the existing buffer stock of 20,000 tonnes, financed largely by the producers, to double that amount.

So far Belgium is the only other country to join France and The Netherlands, which contributed under the old agreement, in agreeing to play a part. Making the British announcement, Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, said that the basis of the contribution had still to be decided.

The financial committee of the Tin Council yesterday gave the council the go-ahead to borrow £20m for the buffer stock operations. This is in addition to the existing £16m facility.

?an call for
les on
subsidies

k, Nov 17.—Mr
ient, international
tor for the United
inistration, said
port subsidies and
ictions providing
competitive
must be brought
tional control.
at a national
conference in New
it said the United
believes that an
code on export
ould apply equally
al and industrial

l States he said,
ested in negotiat-
ment with other
ig nations that
contain "mean-
nditions of export

ould rather focus,
on categories of
idies that are
le" because they
ts over domestic
and those that
ceptable" because
ent financial sup-
fairs, they would
rld trade patterns.
ad come, Mr Dent
y what he called
ssues" in world
ions in Geneva.

Five questions on Haw Par put by Singapore MP

Mr Hon Sui Sen, Singapore finance minster, has been requested to make a statement to Parliament on Thursday on the progress of his government's investigations into the affairs of Haw Par Brothers International. Mr Hwang Soo Jin, a member of the Singapore Parliament, has sought replies to five specific questions.

He asks what further evidence has been obtained to substantiate allegations against those former directors of Haw Par who had participated in Spydar Securities.

In July Mr Hon Sui Sen alleged that Haw Par sold *quoted securities of its subsi*diaries to Spydar at well below prevailing market prices, but no official evidence or charges have yet been produced. Mr Jim Slater, who resigned as chairman of Slater, Walker Securities at the height of the affair, is alleged to have been a beneficiary of Spydar.

The second question asks what steps have been taken to ensure the cooperation of the authorities in Kuala Lumpur and London.

Thirdly, Mr Hon is asked whether he will inform the House of the reason why Mr Graham Starforth Hill, the leading Singapore lawyer resigned his position as chief government inspector into Haw Par last month.

etail settles for 6pc

17.—The wage
the IG Metall
pproved a settle-
6 per cent pay
230,000 iron and
in the states of
'estphalia and
G Metall spokes-

tee is authorized
agreement final
he original union
per cent against
mployer offer of

iations were the
ies of wage talks

that begins every autumn. Thus *today's settlement* could set a pattern for future agreements.

Last month four of Germany's five leading economic research institutes recommended that 1976 wage increases be limited to 6 per cent, the amount needed to compensate for inflation, in order to promote a lasting economic upswing.

German unions won 1975 wage increases of 6 to 7 per cent. For the preceding year, wage rises averaged 12 to 13 per cent.—AP-Dow Jones.

Pound at lowest as dollar gains

The dollar received a fillip in the foreign exchanges yesterday from the apparent agreement at the six power economic summit that there should be more positive central bank intervention

The dollar's strength resulted in sterling falling 140 points against it, closing at $2.0325. This is the pound's lowest level ever.

Similarly, the pound's "floating devaluation" again ended the session at a level equivalent to its weakest-ever level, at 29.7 per cent.

Strong buying of 'tap' stock

Strong buying of the medium-dated "tap" stock, Treasury 11¾ per cent 1981, yesterday has made it almost certain that this issue, which opened on October 16 and amounted to £600m, will be exhausted today or tomorrow.

The market believes that only about £100m or £150m remains in the Government Broker's hands.

The authorities would seem to have sold well in excess of £1,000m of gilts since the minimum lending rate was raised to 12 per cent on October 3.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 156.36 +3.04
The FT index: 375.5 +9.9

Rises

Ass Port Cement	6p to 195p	Lex Services	3p to 23½p
Barclays Bank	7p to 315p	May & Hassel	9p to 88p
Brit Am Tob	10p to 335p	Plessey	5p to 77p
EMI	4p to 225p	Rio Tinto Zinc	4p to 185p
Fisons	7p to 382p	Sainsbury J	9p to 147p
Heath CE	12p to 282p	Siebe Gorman	9p to 174p
Inchcape	12p to 362p	Unilever	10p to 420p

Falls

Broken Hill	25p to 660p	Jourdan T	1p to 11p
Comm Union	8p to 142p	Messina Trans	10p to 290p
Courtaulds	4p to 142p	Minorco	12p to 194p
Elsburg Gold	15p to 200p	Perak Rvr Hydro	15p to 395p
Fraternal Est	1p to 6p	Roan Cons "B"	30p to 170p
Grootvlei	15p to 120p	Scot Mortgage	7½p to 92p
Hoechst	25p to 410p	Zambia Copper	4p to 35p

Equities made a strong start to the account.
Gilt-edged securities were hit by more "tap" stock selling.
Sterling fell 140 pts to $2.0325. The "effective devaluation" rate was 29.7 per cent.

Gold fell 25c an ounce to $141.75.
SDR-$ was 1.17599 on Monday, while SDR-£ was 0.575845.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1128.8 (previous 1125.8).

Reports pages 22 and 23

THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.68	1.62
Austria Sch	38.50	36.50
Belgium Fr	84.00	81.00
Canada $	2.12	2.07
Denmark Kr	12.70	12.20
Finland Mkk	8.15	7.90
France Fr	9.25	8.95
Germany DM	5.45	5.25
Greece Dr	80.00	75.00
Hongkong $	10.55	10.15
Italy Lr	1560.00	1505.00
Japan Yn	645.00	620.00
Netherlands Gld	5.55	5.35
Norway Kr	11.60	11.35
Portugal Esc	75.00	65.00
S Africa Rd	1.80	1.67
Spain Pes	125.75	120.00
Sweden Kr	9.25	8.95
Switzerland Fr	5.55	5.35
US $	2.05	2.04
Yugoslavia Dnr	42.50	39.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

On other pages

Business appointments	20	Bank Base Rates Table	23	Interim Statements:	
Appointments vacant	8, 25	Company Meeting Reports:		Arbuthnot Latham	22
Financial Editor	21	Hunt & Moscrop (Middleton)	23	Associated British Foods	21
Financial news	22	Joksi Tea Holdings	22	Commercial Union Assurance	22
Letters	20	London & Provincial Shop Centres	23	*Hill Samuel Group*	20
Diary	21	Photo-Me International	20	Prospectus:	
Market reports	22, 23	Trafford Park Estates	22	Midland Bank	20
Wall Street	23				
Share prices	18				

How Standard Chartered helps you with your business in Oman

If you have business in Oman, The Chartered Bank can offer you a full and comprehensive service. Our branches there are ready to help you with the same professional approach and depth of local knowledge that characterises the Bank throughout the Eastern world.

The services and resources we offer you in Oman are backed and strengthened by the world-wide capability of Standard Chartered Bank. We have a unique network of 1500 branches and Group offices in 60 countries throughout Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle and Far East, Australia and the Americas.

So, for instance, we can help your business by exceptional speed in day-to-day transactions—saving you time and money, because you have the same Group working for you here and overseas.

And there are many other ways in which Standard Chartered can help you.

Give Mr. E.G.H. Bower, Business Development Manager, a call in London on 01-623 7500, Extn. 2321.

Standard Chartered Bank Limited
helps you throughout the world

Head Office: 10 Clements Lane, London EC4N 7AB • Assets exceed £5,300 million
Chief Manager in the Gulf: Mr. V.R. Winton, The Chartered Bank.
Box 29, Government Road, Manama, Bahrain.
Branches in Oman: Muscat, Muttrah, Ruwi, Sur.

Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and

Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls.

277,199 304,850 337,574
*Excluding surplus of approx £75m on revaluation of properties at 1st April, 1975 and provisions for deferred profit of £6m.
GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

Accounting formula gets support by banks

London clearing banks are lending their weight to the compromise formula for inflation accounting which was recommended earlier this month by the professional accountancy bodies.

In a statement yesterday, the banks said they were sympathetic to the current cost accounting system proposed by the Sandilands Committee, although they felt that time should be given for the practical testing of the system on the accounts of their company customers before it took its final form.

But they outlien a big reservation, echoing that expressed by the accountancy bodies, regarding Sandilands's recommendations on the treatment of net monetary assets. The accountants described Sandilands as "an acceptable and practicable method of accounting for non-monetary assets", but wanted supplementary information to be given to show the change in purchasing power of shareholders' interests.

The banks say the treatment of this item "raises fundamental issues affecting all holders of net monetary assets, which will have to be dealt with".

With this reservation, they urge on the Government "the vital necessity to speed discussions so that proposals may be agreed without delay and the resulting benefits accrue as soon as possible".

Scotch for Germany

A British wine company is to supply own-label Scotch whisky for sale in Germany's largest food retailing chain. The company, Haas Ueber UK, will supply Edeka, which has 29,000 sales outlets and a turnover of £2,500m and in return, the firm will take over distribution of wines producedo by Damoy, France's third largest wine group.

Iraq complains to Opec about 'disruptive' Kuwait oil price cuts

By Roger Vielvoye
Energy Correspondent

Iraq has called for a special meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to discuss differences with Kuwait over oil prices, the Iraq News Agency reported yesterday.

In a note to the Kuwaiti ambassador in Baghdad, the Iraqi Government said cuts in the price of Kuwait's oil "could create disruption in the oil market and inspire competitive bidding among producers".

Iraqi complaints followed last week's announcement by Kuwait that it was reducing its crude oil costs by 10.2 cents a barrel to $11.30 a barrel, in line with the lower sulphur and quality differentials introduced in other parts of the Gulf.

Since a general price rise of 10 per cent was introduced on October 1, many countries, with the approval of Opec have trimmed the quality and sulphur differentials imposed when the oil market was buoyant and could stand additional premiums.

Although Opec has set broad guidelines for adjusting the premiums, it is up to individual members to interpret them. The organization hopes to tackle the differential problem at its meeting in December.

Saudi Arabia has reduced the premiums on heavy and medium crudes while retaining the light crude oil at its "marker" prices of $11.509 a barrel. The influential *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly* says that the Saudi and Kuwaiti realignments will undoubtedly put strong pressure on Iran to reduce its $11.495 sales prices for 31 degrees gravity heavy crude. If Iran took similar measures the price would drop by 9 or 10 cents a barrel.

PIW also reports that third party customers for Kuwait's oil think that the 10.2 cent reduction is insufficient, and that the price should be reduced to at least $11.10 a barrel.

CBI warning on extension of dock labour scheme

By Tim Jones

Dockers could cripple the country and hold Britain to ransom if proposed Government legislation to extend the national dock labour scheme becomes law, members of the Confederation of British Industry claimed yesterday.

Mr Campbell Adamson, director-general of the CBI, said that if the legislation goes through, dockers could control food supplies, raw material imports, and exports. The proposed legislation could also lead to an increase in industrial unrest and inflation spiral.

CBI members believe that under the proposed legislation, which will bring all warehouses, cold stores and other installations within a five mile radius of the dockside under the dock labour scheme dockers will have a power disproportionate to their numbers and influence.

The dockers' unions have argued that because of containerization and other changes they have been deprived of jobs which were traditionally theirs.

Mr G. K. Lawrence, chairman of the Food and Drink Industries Council, said: "In the event of a dock strike, the dockers would have complete control over the nation's food supplies as all that would be left would be the food remaining in manufacturers' hands and in the shops.

He claimed that in the event of a strike, the nation would have the choice of yielding immediately to the strikers' demands or facing starvation. Hugh Clayton writes: An appeal to the Government to reconsider its decision to extend dockwork was made yesterday by Mr Kenneth Webb, president of the United Kingdom Association of Frozed Food Producers. He told Mr Fred Peart, Minister of Agriculture, who was chief guest at the association's annual lunch: "We view this possibility with great concern".

Mr Webb, who is chairman of Birds Eye Foods, said: "It has been estimated that the proposal could raise operating costs by £100m a year and affect many of the people in this room whose factories, including my own, are situated in and around dock areas".

Mr Peart replied: "I realize the difficulties you face, and I will say no more at this stage."

Opportunities for UK in Cuba, Mr Shore says

By Our Political Staff

There are good opportunities for British industry to help in re-equipping Cuba's aging sugar mills, suggested Mr Shore, the Secretary of State for Trade yesterday, on his return from a visit to Mexico and Cuba.

Mr Shore, who was the first British Cabinet minister to visit Cuba since the revolution, said that modernization of the sugar industry was a high priority for Cuba, since most of the machinery was American, and thus the country had been unable to obtain spare parts for about 15 years.

He said they were also much concerned about the modernization of their ports to improve capacity, and their general transport infrastructure. This was another area in which he believed British firms could play their part.

He pointed out that Britain's exports to Cuba were running this year at twice the level of 1974, and he thought there were opportunities. Officials from the Department of Trade will be talking to interested British companies.

Notification of price rises eased last month

Price rise notifications being made to the Price Commission are continuing to drop, according to the commission's monthly report for October.

Notifications during the month were running at an average of 9.3 a working day compared with 10.2 in September, 10.9 in August and 14.8 in July. The figures reflect the commission's assertion that there are encouraging signs of inflation slowing down.

In October the commission rejected 11 price rise notifications; 26 were withdrawn by the companies involved, and 61 were modified by the commission.

Petrol from Forties crude on sale

First supplies of petrol blended from Forties North Sea crude went on sale in British Petroleum service stations in the Grangemouth area of Stirlingshire yesterday. Other oil products containing a blend of Forties crude will be on sale in Scotland within a week.

Ship export hopes

Japan's ship export target of 5 million tons gross for the fiscal year which ends next March is expected to be achieved, according to the Japan Ship Exporters' Association yesterday. According to the organization, its members have secured orders for more than 3 million tons gross of shipping over the past seven months compared with 1.9 million tons in the corresponding period of last year.

France confirms deficit

France had a seasonally adjusted trade deficit in October of 1,575m francs (£175m) compared with September's surplus of 92m francs, and a deficit of 1,489m francs for October, 1974. Imports were at their highest level this year at 20,278m francs, and exports were 20,144m francs. Over the first 10 months this year France had a trade surplus of 7,056m francs.

£3m chemical spending

New investment amounting to £3m has been announced by chemical companies against the background of a general slowdown in spending by the chemical industry. Shell Chemical UK is to spend £1.5m on a new plant at its site at Carrington near Manchester and Ciba-Geigy Chemicals is to spend more than £1.5m as part of a £5m plant near Grimsby.

Japan's deficit widens

Tokyo, Nov 17.—Japan's balance of payments deficit widened to $800m (about £380m) in October, from $104m in September, preliminary figures released by the Finance Ministry show. The deficit, the third straight monthly shortfall, compared to a surplus of $354m in October last year.—Reuter.

Time Sharing takeover is recommended

Computer news

The agreement in principle for Delos International, the United States parent company of Time Sharing Ltd (TSL), London, to be acquired by Automatic Data Processing of Clifton, New Jersey, will mean a significant new association for the British bureau in the context of Europe.

ADP, which is possibly the largest computer bureau in the world, had concentrated on batch processing until its acquisition of Cyphernetics earlier this year. Cyphernetics enabled ADP to diversify into remote computing, new market areas, and to acquire an international network.

Both Cyphernetics and TSL use Digital Equipment Corporation DEC system-10 computers. Cyphernetics is already active in Europe, and has a data line linking Ann Arbor, Michigan, with The Hague.

If the acquisition is approved by the Delos shareholders, TSL and Cyphernetics will collaborate closely, taking advantage of each other's application program packages and other facilities.

TSL will be able to offer customers the choice of local processing in the United Kingdom, or access to data, programs and processing in the United States. This could be a significant market advantage in selling to multinational companies with offices both in Europe and across the Atlantic.

NCR 'Spirit'

A new on-line order-entry system which is designed for smaller wholesalers and distributors has been announced by NCR. Known as *Spirit* (Sales processing interactive real-time inventory technique), it is claimed to suit companies processing about 200-250 orders a day, drawn from 10,000 to 20,000 stock items.

The new system is built around the NCR Century 8200 computer.

CDC standard policy

Control Data Corporation is concentrating on developing a standard line of computer systems to meet the growing computational needs of large-scale users, according to Mr John V. Tunsworth, executive vice-president, systems.

Particular emphasis, he said recently, would be placed on maintaining operating software compatibility between new products and existing lines.

CMG's 78 pc growth

A growth of 78 per cent to a turnover of £4.1m for 1974-75 has been reported by CMG (Computer Management Group).

Operating profit of the group increased to £196,000. Its business in European Community countries outside Britain doubled during the year.

Software services (amounting to £2.5m) accounted for the bulk of the group's business.

BIS acquisition

Business Intelligence Services has acquired Kingsley-Smith and Associates, a London software house, from its controlling shareholder, Samuel Montagu & Son, and the minority shareholders.

KSA has specialized in systems development and implementation services for the financial sector, mainly in the City of London. It has also experience in a range of teleprocessing systems.

Kenneth Owen

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Problems of industrial legacy

From Mr Correlli Barnett

Sir, To refer to our industrial shortcomings as being a postwar parrern as did the Prime Minister and your first leader today (November 6), is to take altogether too superficial a view. It cannot be enough repeated that the characteristics of Britain as an industrial society can be traced back at least a hundred years. The new NEDC report does no more than repeat what the Balfour Committee on Trade and Industry said in 1929; what the reports of the Committee on Commercial and Industrial Policy said in 1918; what *The Times* said in a series of articles in 1900-1 on "The Crisis of British Industry"; what various Royal Commissions and parliamentary committees back into the 1860s said.

Try this on your friends: when was the following statement made?—"Our only hope of national prosperity lies in the timely remodelling of our system, so as to put it as nearly as possible upon an equality with the improved management of the Americans." Answer: 1835—a warning uttered by Richard Cobden after a visit to the United States.

Our present weaknesses were in fact structurtd into the very texture of our industrial patterns and attitudes by our special experience as the first industrial nation, and under conditions of virtually unmitigated laissez-faire. What we are now up against is not merely a problem of industrial reform, but the legacy of the last 200 years of our history. To overcome this legacy will require more than just another hopeful report; more than just a continuation of the patching and fudging of successive governments, patching and fudging sanctioned by a public opinion which thus far has funked adjustment to reality because it will be uncomfortable.

CORRELLI BARNETT
Catbridge House,
East Carleton,
Norwich,
Norfolk

Pricing policy and rural school bus services

From Mr B. S. Gray

Sir, I think that the discussion of the effects of averaging costs and pricing policy (October 25) may be very relevant to the problems of bus services in rural areas.

In this area, and I understand in others, serious concern has been caused by recent large increases in bus fares, particularly those affecting secondary school children whose journey is offficially less than three miles and hence do not qualify for free transport.

As a result of these increases the seat mile fare is approaching half the total cost per mile of running a car and there is a clear incentive for parents to try and arrange shared transport rather than use the buses.

Since I understand that the running costs of a bus are insensitive to the number of passengers, I must assume that the bus company is hoping to use the school services to subsidise the almost empty buses which one sees at most other times in rural areas. Such a policy would appear doomed to failure with no-one having a bus service within a few years.

No doubr the existing major bus operator will seek to prevent a smaller operator being given a licence to run an alternative service at a lower price, and if he is allowed to succeed our lanes will become steadily more crowded and more fuel will be wasted.

As over 200 children are involved from this village alone, I would be grateful for any suggestions from other readers as to how a solution can be achieved that is satisfactory to all concerned, but most important of all, to the potential passengers.

Yours faithfully,
B. S. GRAY,
32 East Lane,
Sandiway,
Northwich,
Cheshire, CW8 2QQ.

Subsidies: why are small firms not encouraged?

From Mr W. Burgess

Sir, I read with dismay the news that the Government are to provide the clothing industry with £20m, not because the industry does not need help, but because all of the money for investment projects will go to the few large firms in the industry. This must be so, since in an industry dominated by small firms, only investment projects of "not less than £30,000" will be given grants of up to 20 per cent.

So once more the large firms are to be subsidized, and where will they buy their machinery—in the United Kingdom? No, the majority of machines purchased in the industry come from the United States, West Germany, Italy and Japan.

Meanwhile, the small firms, who provide the flair and flexibility that is the life blood of the industry, can hope for very little. If they wish to improve productivity by purchasing low-cost automation equipment from United Kingdom companies, such as ours, they can expect no assistance.

The aim, it appears, must always be to encourage large organizations—why? Because they are more efficient?—like British Leyland, Alfred Herbert and Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, I suppose?

W. BURGESS,
Director,
Vertex Engineering Limited,
Queens Road,
Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 2FD

Supporting a careers council

From Mr J. A. Lawton

Sir, In a letter to *The Times* on November 3, and following Mr Wigham's article on October 21, Mr Hurst discussed the role of the liaison committee of civil servants concerned with the Careers Service within the Department of Employment, as compared with the proposed Careers Service Advisory Council which would bring together a wide range of national and local bodies concerned with education, employment and careers advice.

I should like to support Mr Hurst in his advocacy of this proposed council. My particular authority has long operated a Careers Advisory Service for schools and I am quite sure that the Education Authorities are well placed to advise the Secretary of State on Careers Service policy through the Local Authority Associations and in the context of a Careers Advisory Council of the kind proposed.

Far from it being illogical as Mr Wigham suggested on October 21, the creation of such a council is an entirely proper step; it would be quite wrong for a Secretary of State to do this, or indeed in any other major public field, to be advised only by an interdepartmental committee of civil servants though, of course, he must receive their advice and it is right that the advice of a number of departments should be coordinated.

However, it is essential also that the views of those who are concerned, on the ground with young people, with their need for advice and guidance on careers matters—Education Authorities, employers, unions, teachers—are brought to bear on the development of national policy.

J. A. LAWTON,
Chairman,
Kent Education Committee,
Springfield,
Maidstone, Kent.

These securities having been sold, this announcement appears as a matter of record only.

NEW ISSUE 14 November, 1975

U.S.$50,000,000

Midland Bank Limited

Floating Rate Capital Notes 1982

Credit Suisse White Weld Limited — Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited

Amsterdam–Rotterdam Bank N.V. — Banca Commerciale Italiana

Creditanstalt–Bankverein — European Banking Company Limited

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Securities Underwriter Limited — Nomura Europe N.V. — Société Générale

Société Générale de Banque S.A. — Swiss Bank Corporation (Overseas) Limited

Union Bank of Switzerland (Securities) Limited

Algemene Bank Nederland N.V. — A. E. Ames & Co. Limited — The Arab & Morgan Grenfell Finance Company Limited

Arab Trust Company K.S.C. — Ayala Finance (HK) Limited — Julius Baer International Limited — Banca Nazionale del Lavoro — Banco di Roma

Banco di Santo Spirito — Banco Urquijo Limited — Bank of America International — Bank of Bermuda Limited — Bank of Helsinki Ltd.

Bankers Trust International Limited — Banque Bruxelles Lambert S.A. — Banque Européenne de Tokyo — Banque Française du Commerce Extérieur

Banque Française de Dépôts et de Titres — Banque Générale du Luxembourg S.A. — Banque de l'Indochine et de Suez

Banque Internationale à Luxembourg S.A. — Banque Nationale de Paris — Banque de Neuflize, Schlumberger, Mallet — Banque de l'Union Européenne

Banque Worms — Baring Brothers & Co., Limited — H. Albert de Bary & Co. N.V. — Bayerische Vereinsbank — Joh. Berenberg, Gossler & Co.

Berliner Handels- und Frankfurter Bank — Brown Harriman & International Banks Limited — Brown, Shipley & Co. Limited — Cazenove & Co.

Citicorp International Bank Limited — Chariden Bank — Compagnie de Banque et d'Investissements (Underwriters) S.A. — Crédit Industriel et Commercial

Crédit Lyonnais — Crédit du Nord et Union Parisienne — Credito Italiano — Den norske Creditbank

The Development Bank of Singapore Limited — Dillon, Read Overseas Corporation — European Arab Bank S.A. — First Boston (Europe) Limited

First International Bancshares Limited — Robert Fleming & Co. Limited — Gelina International Limited — Girozentrale und Bank der österreichischen Sparkassen Aktiengesellschaft

Greenshields Incorporated — Hambros Bank Limited — Handelsbank in Zurich (Overseas) Limited — Hill Samuel & Co. Limited — Iran Overseas Investment Bank Limited

Jardine Fleming & Company Limited — Kansallis-Osake-Pankki — Kidder, Peabody International Limited — Kleinwort, Benson Limited — Kredietbank N.V.

Kredietbank S.A. Luxembourgeoise — Kuhn, Loeb & Co. International — Lazard Brothers & Co. Limited — Lazard Frères et Cie

Libyan Arab Foreign Bank — London Multinational Bank (Underwriters) Limited — Manufacturers Hanover Limited — Merck, Finck & Co. — Mercur-Bank S.A.

Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited — The National Bank of Kuwait S.A.K. — National Commercial Bank of Jeddah — Nederlandsche Middenstandsbank N.V.

Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale — Orion Bank Limited — Pember & Boyle — Pierson, Heldring & Pierson N.V. — Post-och Kreditbanken, PKbanken

Rea Brothers Limited — N. M. Rothschild & Sons Limited — Rothschild Bank A.G. — Rowe & Pitman, Hurst-Brown — Salomon Brothers

J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited — Singer & Friedlander Limited — Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken — Smith, Barney & Co. Incorporated — Société Centrale de Banque S.A.

Strauss, Turnbull & Co. — Sumitomo & East Asia Limited — Sumitomo White Weld Limited — Svenska Handelsbanken — UBAF Limited

Union de Banques Arabes et Françaises—U.B.A.F. — Union Bank of Finland Limited — J. Vontobel & Co. — S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd.

Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale — Wood Gundy Limited

Business appointments

Mr Bowey to be next chief of PLA

Mr William Bowey becomes director-general of the Port of London Authority on April 1. He will remain acting as director-general until Mr John Lunch, who has been granted leave, retires from the position of director-general on March 31.

Colonel George Brown has been appointed to succeed Mr Henry Porter as chairman of The Newcastle Breweries upon the latter's retirement next January from the board of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries. Mr R. N. D. Stephenson will succeed Colonel Brown as managing director of The Newcastle Breweries, and Mr Alastair Mowat will take over Mr Stephenson's responsibilities as director, group managed houses.

Mr J. F. P. Parsons has been named non-executive director of Fothergill & Harvey.

Mr T. R. Auchincloss has resigned his directorship of Cadbury Schweppes to devote more time to personal business interests.

Mr Charles Craft, managing director of the building division, John Laing Construction, will become chairman of the division on January 1. He is a member of the parent board of John Laing and Son. Mr Leslie Holliday will become managing director of the building division.

As a result of the proposed deal between Gerrard & National Discount, the Murray-Jones group and European Oriental Investments, Mr Paul Murray-Jones has resigned as chairman and chief executive of the Murray-Jones group, but will remain a consultant for three years upon completion of the acquisition. He also resigned from the board of Gerrard & National Discount. Mr Hilton Clarke will be joining the Murray-Jones board as a non-executive director.

Mr E. P. Batchelt has joined the board of United Dominions Trust and has been appointed non-executive deputy chairman as from January 16. Mr A. H. B. Bangham will be relinquishing his executive responsibilities and position as deputy chairman on December 31 and will be retiring from the board on February 29.

Mr Bas Kardol has been made managing director of Spicers International.

Mr Clarke E. Reynolds, chairman and managing director of NCR's British company, will become vice-president, Europe on December 1. He succeeds Mr George Haynes, who will retire on April 30. Mr Reynolds will continue as chairman and managing director of the British company.

Sir Michael Young-Herries is to join the board of National and Commercial Banking Group on January 1.

Mr Desmond Pitlinger, managing director of Mintex, a member of the BBA Group, is to become managing director and chief executive of a new company BBA Automotive, being formed to direct the group's world-wide automotive activities. He will also become chairman of Mintex.

Hill Samuel Group

Interim Statement

The profits of Hill Samuel Group Limited for the six months to 30 September 1975 are considerably higher than those of the corresponding period of last year. All principal activities have contributed to this improvement.

In June 1975 Hill Samuel was able to announce that it had recovered U.S. $16,284,789 representing 83 per cent of its Herstatt losses following the conclusion of a settlement relating to Herstatt funds held in New York.

In September 1975 the Frankfurt County Court gave judgment in favour of Hill Samuel in its claim against the Deutsche Bundesbank for the whole of its remaining losses. The Bundesbank has indicated that it will appeal against the Court's decision.

The Board has declared an interim dividend in respect of the year ending 31st March 1976 of 1.365 net pence per share (gross equivalent 2.10p), payable on 5 January 1976 to shareholders whose names appear in the Register of Members at 21 November 1975. On the assumption that the final dividend will be the same as last year, the increase in the interim dividend is the maximum permissible by current legislation for the year as a whole. (For the year ended 31 March 1975 an interim dividend of 1.05p (1.56p gross) and a final dividend of 2.5063p (3.86p gross) were paid.)

12th November 1975

Hill Samuel Group Limited

100 Wood Street, London EC2P 2AJ.

PHOTO-ME INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

Manufacturers and operators of coin-operated Automatic Photographic Studios

Continued Growth Reflects Expansionary Policy

	1975 £000	1974 £000	1973 £000
Turnover			
U.K.	2,879	2,295	2,068
Overseas	7,713	5,493	4,916
	10,592	7,788	6,984
Profit before taxation			
U.K.	314	240	269
Overseas	491	393	191
	805	633	460
Taxation & minority interests	515	386	382
Net Group Profit	290	247	78
Earnings per ordinary share	13.82p	11.77p	3.73p
Dividend per ordinary share	1.808p	1.645p	1.575p

The Chairman, Mr. E. F. Weston, F.C.A., reports:

- A year of further progress with satisfactory results. The continued growth reflects and justifies the expansionary policy in which we have indulged for some years now.
- The recommended dividend which is the maximum permitted, will absorb £24,675 out of the Group Profit of £290,233 whereas two years ago the comparable figures were £23,153 out of £78,400.
- More than half of the products manufactured in the U.K. are exported to most parts of the world.
- The introduction of colour has proved a brilliant success.
- Returns from all sections for the current year to date, show a continued advance in turnover. I believe 1975/76 will be another successful and profitable year.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 10th December, 1975 at the Fairoaks Hotel, Portsmouth Road, Cobham, Surrey at 5 p.m., and full copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, Photo-Me International Limited, Station Avenue, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Commercial Union's American burden

underwriting loss in the quarter was £21.4m or 9½ nt of premiums, the worst since 1963 when they d 8 per cent of premiums. still attaching most of ume to the United States eing more explicit now precisely what is happen- ere.

ed States underwriting reached around $62m at d of nine months after $40m at the halfway

While the continuing ss of the pound will have rated the sterling impact the operating ratio has d further in the third to reach 110.4 per cent, at is unaffected by the :/dollar rate. It is on n a year general liability at CU has its worst prob- Losses there are running cents in the dollar com- o 12 cents in the dollar $200m a year motor book ncidentally explains why erating ratio is still de- while that of General r—heavier in motor—is ing. Worse still, it ap- hat CU's United States s have not applied gen- bility rate increases as sly as they might to pro- e maximum benefit. CU benefit from liability otor rate increases by ar but retrenchment in ited States is the key- ow, as it was for Royal ar.

enchment also appears to roving matters in Austra- ugh CU is still not back fits there, and the rate ease in United Kingdom eased in the third quar- ith the growth in invest- ncome slowing down, CU set for further overall ration in the fourth quar-

urprise then that CU is g in terms of a main- rather than increased d this year and even uld be uncovered. Not covered dividends set a nt for CU or other com- but CU's relatively good 7½ per cent at 142p has een in this perspective. ares will remain weak U can prove that, like omposites, it really is to grips with its United roblems.

nths: 1975 (1974)
ation £436m
tten premiums £692.3m (£562.6m)
Profits £13.7m (£33.1m)

e of Fraser

wn after months

a dull three months for rs, House of Fraser in- its turnover (excluding by 16.9 per cent. That improvement on most tions but quite insuffi- maintain profits. The r cent pre-tax profits n in the third quarter the total for the nine to end-October some 3.6 short, at £9.63m, of the achieved in the corre- g period last year, so e onus for maintaining, mind improving upon, r's £19.6m pre-tax over- squarely on the final

And the best that can so far on that is that if as spending is going to , it is also going to be

ouse of Fraser's shares, have to be assessed lly by reference to the tion. Assuming the m increase in the divi- nd with House of modest gearing there is n to assume otherwise, that the nine months charges have increased 24m to £2.78m—they rospective 7.7 per cent, slightly short of the ive yield on Deben- hams. Debenhams, however, still has something to claw back to help during the lean months of the first half of next year, while the revovery benefits for which House of Fraser can look on, for example, rebuilding of the Army & Navy Stores in Victoria—are relatively modest. In the absence of any signs of renewed enthusiasm from Carter Hawley Hale, the share of Debenhams are all but certain to perform best on anything short of an 18-month view.

Third quarter 1975-76 (1974-75)
Capitalization £96m
Sales £83.6m (£71.55m)
Pre-tax profits £3.28m (£3.8m)

Metal Box

Some sign of restocking

Market forebodings about Metal Box's showing this year were borne out by yesterday's interim figures. Pre-tax profits, down 40 per cent to £12m, were worse than expected but encouraging words about the second-half outlook helped the shares recover 6p to 265p.

In such a volume sensitive industry—break-even in many can factories is over the 95 per cent mark—*destocking* by major customers both at home and overseas has resulted in no volume growth at all in the 10 per cent turnover increase to £247m. Buoyant demand from the brewers has been more than offset by the drop in food industry usage which accounts for 60 per cent of sales, with the paper and plastics side *worst hit* by consumption a fifth down. The picture overseas has been even more dismal with particularly poor trading conditions in Italy and India cutting profits there by £3m.

Fortunately, the second-half has already moved into higher gear with sales in October indicating some customer restocking. Recent wage *awards will* cost £8½m in a full year but last week's price increases along with the continuing steady price of tinplate should see recovery in margins. The new Nigerian glass bottle factory will also be making a positive contribution in the second-half. And Metal Box hopes that the £1m contingent liability on foreign exchange losses at its South African subsidiary will not materialize at the year-end.

All of which points to second-half profits much in line with last year at around £17m to put the shares on a fully diluted prospective p/e ratio of around 11, and still leaving the dividend—raised 20 per cent to 12.1p a share net for the full year—covered nearly twice.

Meanwhile, despite capital expenditure of £11.4m in the first half liquidity has been improving thanks largely to the £24m rights issue and good housekeeping. Last year's cash deficit of £33m should have *been wiped out by the year-end* and interest charges, down by £600,000 at half-time to £3½m, have already started to reflect this. Solid and respectable as it is, Metal Box's investment star is temporarily faded; it is *hard to see how the shares can* perform as they did early on this year.

Interim: 1975-76 (1974-75)
Capitalization £152.2m
Sales £246.7m (£224.6m)
Pre-tax profits £12.01m (£19.95m)
Dividend gross 8.15p (6.5p)

AB Foods

Forecasting more growth

A 37 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits, and a forecast of "exceptional profit growth" this year was enough to keep the AB Foods' share price happy at 70p, up 4p to a new 1975 peak yesterday. Baking and the Australian side evidently provide the main impetus on what has been a buoyant six months for most of the group's divisions. The baking side slipped into losses in the latter part of last year, after negligible profits in the first six months. But from the split in the tax charge for this latest half year it looks as if £4.5m of the improvement at the pre-tax level came from the United Kingdom—and baking probably accounted for around £2m of that.

Both here and in Australia the easing of price controls, as well as the fall in raw material prices helped margins. Fine Fare, too, appears to have done well, despite the rather gloomy shadow cast on the food retailers' experience by Sainsbury's figures last week.

Meanwhile, interest charges are £1.1m lower, with the £10m or so drop in borrowings that *suggests seen* entirely in the United Kingdom. The group after saying earlier this year that it would trim capital expenditure, has now decided to *expand its spending commitments* by 40 per cent to around £23m after a substantial improvement in liquidity. So with ABF unusually euphoric about second-half prospects, pre-tax profits for the year could be around the £59m level, against £45.5m. If so, the shares would be on a p/e ratio of 10½, but the yield of 3.8 per cent suggests that their strong rise against the market may not continue.

Interim 1975-76 (1974-75)
Capitalization £229m
Sales £580m (£501m)
Pre-tax profits £25.6m (£18.7m)
Dividend gross 0.913p (0.83p)

Godfrey Davis

Slow road to recovery

After two years of bad upsets and tumbling profits Godfrey Davis is gradually pulling round. In particular the painful overseas losses—almost £500,000 last year—are finally being contained. Neither Germany nor Spain will be profitable *this year, but first-half German* losses were down to £50,000 and the reorganization in Spain is now regarded as complete.

The Netherlands, meanwhile, have swung round from a £9,000 loss to a £27,000 profit. Car retailing continues to hold level and the leisure side is beginning to show its paces.

But while there should be more loss elimination to come, recovery to the profit level seen in 1972-73 seems likely to take some time. Car prices may no longer be rising at the 40 per cent rate seen last year—GD is reckoning on 15 per cent this year—but the competitive climate has been such that no tariff increases have been possible yet and there are no immediate plans for any. So although car resale values are also rising, margins remain under pressure and borrowings are still climbing.

Moreover, although it is hard to tell yet, GD suspects that some of the recent relative buoyancy in the rental and leasing division, where *profits are* up from £650,000 to nearly £800,000, could be due to exceptionally good summer weather. The commercial vehicle side is still being cut back. There would thus still appear to be some serious constraints upon revival until the economy as a whole picks up. Despite the 10.2 per cent yield on the shares at 41p there is not yet much of a case for rerating GD against the market.

Interim: 1975-76 (1974-75)
Capitalization £4.93m
Sales £24.1m (£20.7m)
Pre-tax profits £1.25m (£1.06m)
Dividend gross 1.08p (1.04p)

Learning to make the most of disclosure to employees

Eric Wigham discusses provisions in two new Acts—the Industry Act and the Employment Protection Act—which for the first time give general rights to workers to be told about the affairs of the enterprises in which they spend their working lives

There are now two Acts of Parliament *under which companies* may be obliged to give recognized trade unions detailed information about their present state and future plans—the Industry Act and the Employment Protection Act.

These Acts bring to a new stage a trend which has been apparent in much legislation over the past few years. It began perhaps with the 1963 Contracts of Employment Act which requires every employee to be given a written statement setting out his main terms of employment. Extending this, the Finance Act of 1970 makes it a condition of approval of pension schemes for taxation purposes that every employee has been given written particulars of the scheme.

The Social Security Pensions Act provides that employees and trade unions must be informed and recognized unions consulted if an employer elects to contract out of schemes.

The Health and Safety at Work Act obliges not only employers to provide information about their safety and health policy, but inspectors to tell employees what they find.

The clauses about disclosing information in the Employment Protection Act date back to the Labour Industrial Relations Bill which fell with the Government in 1970 and to a section, which was never implemented, of the Conservative Industrial Relations Act of 1971.

The new laws, however, for the first time give general rights to employees to be told about the affairs of the enterprises in which they spend their working lives and earn their living. They are the first major legal steps towards an industrial democracy which could reshape the pattern of industrial relations and which can only succeed if it is based on mutual confidence.

Laws of themselves are inadequate instruments of *social change, but there are* signs that in this case they will be pressing on an opening door. During the past 12 months more and more employers have been showing a *positive interest* in methods of taking their employees into their confidence.

In May the CBI council approved guidelines for action which they would almost certainly have rejected three or four years ago. "Every company which has not already done so is recommended to take steps to develop a company information policy dealing with the provision of information to employees", the document said.

"Because it is increasingly recognized that board level involvement is important for industrial relations, it is further recommended that the information policy be approved by the board and continuously monitored at that level."

Referring to the desire of many companies to increase employee involvement as a means of improving industrial relations, it pointed out that employee participation would not be successful unless the policy of giving information was well designed and put into practice thoroughly and consistently. But it also pointed out the restraints imposed by competitive considerations, "confidentiality" and administrative difficulties.

In February this year the CBI arranged a conference at which a number of big, progressive companies were to describe what they were doing about disclosure of information. They took a hall holding about 200 and were startled to get applications for tickets from 600 companies. So they had to arrange a sort of overflow conference later on. About 6,000 companies bought copies of a CBI booklet on the presentation of company accounts.

At the recent national conference of the Institute of Personnel Management, Mr K. W. Bennison, of Berger Paints, made the point that the need for increased information has been in the minds of junior and middle managers as well as of manual, clerical and technical workers, and suggested that the spread of trade union membership into managerial areas could be partly a manifestation of the desire of managers to be as well informed as the trade union members they supervise.

The two major New Acts are concerned with the disclosure of information to unions for *quite different purposes.* The Employment Protection Act imposes a general duty on employers to disclose on request information needed by union negotiators at any level, from shop stewards upwards, so long as they are authorized by their unions to carry on collective bargaining.

The nature of the information which may be demanded will be set out in a code to be drawn up by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, on whose council both employers and trade unions are represented.

There may be difficulties, particularly perhaps over the extent to which unions can justifiably ask for information about associated companies in multi company or multi-national concerns, or over the areas which employers can continue to treat as confidential, but in the new atmosphere both sides seem to envisage an agreed code by the latter part of next year.

The disclosure clauses in the Industry Act at one time caused a lot of excitement, but since Mr Wedgwood Benn moved away and agreed amendments provided new safeguards for employers, this seems to have *died down. The clauses are in*tended to enable unions to play an informed part in considering planning agreements.

The obligation to give them information depends on a specific notice to a company by the Minister and can apply only to big companies in important manufacturing industries. At this level conflict is probably unlikely, but there is an ultimate sanction of a fine of £400 and after that £40 a day on a recalcitrant employer.

There has been some thought on both sides about special training for those likely to be affected by disclosure arrangements. Most TUC and union education schemes include basic information on how to interpret a balance sheet and so on, but such training may need to be more widely spread, and negotiators, particularly at the lower levels, may need guidance as to what exactly to ask for under the Employment Protection Act.

The Industry Act procedures are a different matter. Trade union participation in planning agreements will carry consultation, or collective bargaining, into a new dimension. The information required may include details of the undertakings capital assets and expenditure, intended disposal or acquisition of assets, output, productivity, sales, exports, research and development programmes and estimates of the future position.

The TUC economic committee discussed this last week and agreed it would be necessary to provide training kits for those involved. Beyond that it was felt that training would be better related to practical experience of the first planning agreements than to classroom abstractions.

A difficulty, however, is the apprehension of employers about the possibility that information, given to union leaders during the framing of planning agreements, might be spread round the unions. The TUC have agreed with the Government that, whether justified or not, these apprehensions are strongly felt and that they will have to be careful about the use made of the early agreements in training.

On the management side, several papers at the IPM conference emphasized the need for *all those affected* here to possess financial understanding and the ability to present the facts as simply and clearly as possible.

There will be the need for hard work on both sides if the disclosure procedures are to work smoothly and produce an environment in which it is possible to move on to the Industrial Democracy legislation which has been promised for the 1976-77 parliamentary session.

John Earle

Why the Italian Communists wish their stock exchanges well

The Italian Communist Party, far from wanting to kill them off, is keen to reinvigorate the country's anaemic stock exchanges. Ways of doing this are under study in its Commission for Economic Planning under Signor Luciano Barca, a 55-year-old Roman who is a member of the party directorate and a top spokesman on economic affairs.

In a socialist society the Italian bourse might appear an obvious candidate for elimination as a particularly parasitic form of capitalist speculation. It has failed as a vehicle for providing risk capital for industry. Milan, biggest of the 10 bourses, lists only 172 equity shares, and many well known companies are missing.

Instead, the bourse has gained the reputation of being little more than a casino for a small number of professional operators, though the atmosphere has become more subdued since the Italo-American financier, Signor Michele Sindona, sought refuge in the United States last year from an Italian arrest warrant.

Signor Urbano Aletti, the Milan bourse chairman, has campaigned for years to modernize bourse structures, but the self-styled democratic parties which have governed for 30 years have shown little interest in promoting reforms of the bourse and company law. The one big achievement was the establishment last summer of Consob, the bourse supervisory commission.

The Communist Party's thinking about all facets of the economy is increasingly topical, as it is more and more in a position to condition government policies. Backed by 1.7 million members and a third of the electorate, it holds power in five of the 20 semi-autonomous regions and in many big municipalities and could, if it seriously wanted, topple the government.

However, little as it is realized abroad, the party adopts a pragmatic and often very different economic approach from that of Moscow. Already by 1944, Signor Barca states, the late party secretary Palmiro Togliatti had excluded Soviet-style planning.

The essence of the party's position is that it accepts a market economy. To quote Signor Barca: "We do not want to see the market destroyed in the society which we are aiming at". It should, however, be a market with a difference.

The party accepts private initiative, especially small businesses, which it favours, while tolerating the existence of bigger private firms. It opposes further nationalizations, arguing that the public sector is big enough already.

The difference from the present situation lies in its insistence that the main lines of policy should be determined by planning and not left to the play of market forces, and that a growing role should be occupied by "collective" consumers as against individual consumers—by regions, provinces, local bodies and the like, which have all lagged in providing the services of a modern state.

Signor Barca admits that the party has not always behaved coherently and has made errors, but maintains that it has been developing—this approach since the early 1960s at least.

Once the idea of a market economy is granted, it is logical enough to accept a viable market or bourse providing risk capital—all the more so if, as in Italy today, companies are seriously overburdened with bank indebtedness. Italy, moreover, has a higher personal savings rate than most European countries and the Communists would prefer to see savings channelled through the bourse into industry rather than into second houses or *pleasure yachts.*

The party is ready to discuss ways of stimulating the formation of risk capital in industry—though not in the financial sector, where capital is plentiful. But the fact has to be faced that, to attract shareholders, companies are accustomed to high rates of dividend payment and new issues.

Signor Barca is prepared to recognize that "shares should be remunerated without—within certain limits—undergoing taxation restrictions more severe than for money deposited in the bank". A possible course might be to facilitate companies which undertook for a period of, say, three years not to make a scrip issue—equivalent, after all, to a distribution of resources.

A handicap to wider ownership of shares is their *nominità*—that is, their registration in the owner's name. This exposes him to paying the proper taxes on them, something that can be avoided by *buying bonds or debentures*, which may be "to bearer".

Here the thinking is that the introduction of non-registered shares which are non-voting, at least on certain issues, might be considered. Another stimulant could be to reduce the proportion of pension fund and insurance company assets which have to be put into real estate.

The bourse network could well be streamlined. At present 10 towns have a stock exchanges, but both in Venice and Palermo, for example, there are only two stockbrokers and two shares with a local listing. Signor Barca's inclination would be to limit the bourses to Milan and Rome, something which has also been suggested by Dr Aletti in Milan.

The number of shares listed is too restricted. The party is studying if medium and small companies could be grouped together in financial consortia *which would arrange joint* share issues, away from domination of the big banks.

Signor Barca adds that he opposes a recent suggestion by Signor Guido Carli, former Governor of the Bank of Italy, that company debts to banks should be transformed into equity capital held by the banks. To him this is too reminiscent of the Great Depression, when several major banks with holdings in companies that failed were only saved from collapse by the state's formation of IRI in 1933 to take them over.

Business Diary: General dealer • First Chicago's Abboud

ll a knife and fork and r 10p each: put them and you get a pound."
one of the sayings of it, the reserve general irs Koor Industries, l conglomerate owned Histradut, his country's

there seem to be any of generals in Britain ld like to get to grips unions, General Amit le to do so by having *first taken a* degree in business ation at Columbia.

London for tonight's iversary dinner of the ael Chamber of e, which will be by the Minister of ter Shore.

Industries likes to through partnerships ign companies, one of ith Sheffield cutlers, iller & Co, possibly to our opening aphor-

less happy of another British ip—with British Ley- Koor's determination in to take less than a . The British Leyland mbly operation in ng down the drain, al says, because con- pt it four ways and it to settle on a policy it through.

Leyland, he says, did to throw its weight it was already mak- y on the export to the components, whe- t anything was made m on arrival.

e said, looks for pro- services that can be worldwide as Israel



Koor's General Amit: Mr 50 per cent.

exports and that involve the import of both useful know-how and foreign investment.

The company began as a privately-owned construction products firm after the war and was acquired shortly before independence by the Histradut. Today, it's Israel's biggest company and number 223 of *Fortune's* top 300.

It has long since spilled over into chemicals, particularly pesticides and fertilizers, and into engineering and electronics.

As with knives and forks, the group now prefers to sell whole chemical plants as well as bags of the stuff.

A former chief of Israel intelligence, the general is perhaps more used to absorbing than to imparting information, and doesn't open out much when asked how a union-owned employer reacts to strikes or whether the boycott is biting deeply.

What really got him going, however, was when Business Diary's Ross Davies asked what opportunities—in an ideal world—he saw for doing business with the Egyptians. The general, a man who must be presumed to have his ear to the ground, said that there was a lot Koor had to offer in agriculture—and he looked and sounded as if he couldn't wait to start.

Do they know something we don't? The latest list of ministers circulating among Civil Service departments shows sandwiched between Education Secretary Fred Mulley, MP and Parliamentary Secretary, Treasury, Robert Mellish, MP, the Minister for Overseas Development, Reginald Prentice . . . with no MP after his name.

Under-fifties

Gaylord Freeman, the chairman who made the First National Bank of Chicago an international institution and tripled the bank's assets in the past six years to $18,200m, is to retire on November 30 after 40 years in banking.

Freeman is 65 and, as expected, is to be succeeded by Robert Abboud.

First Chicago will now be run by perhaps the youngest team at any big United States bank—a team Freeman deliberately built up.

Abboud is 46, while the vice-chairman of the bank and the president of the holding company is Richard Thomas, 44, and the vice-chairman of the holding company and president of the bank is Chauncey Schmidt, 44.

Freeman was an intellectual among American bankers, who made it his business to travel widely, meeting political leaders, and contributed significantly to public debate on economic issues.

By contrast, Abboud has a reputation as a tough operations man in the mould of Walter Wriston, chairman of the First National City Bank of New York.

Abboud's grandparents came to the United States from Lebanon, and it is even being said that Abboud got the top job at First Chicago through his origins and close business and personal ties with the Arab oil shaikhs. What is certain, however, is that he notched up a string of business successes for First Chicago.

Abboud also has the formal qualifications that American bankers now look for. He is a graduate both of Harvard's Law College and of the School of Business Administration.

Freeman is to teach at the University of Chicago and will remain with the bank as honorary chairman, director and member of the executive committee.

Saudi mod cons

Businessmen wanting a slice of the export opportunities in Saudi Arabia proferred by that country's $80,000m development programme, need to do more groundwork than usual before catching the plane. The troubles that lie ahead can include finding a room, renting a car or finding a secretary, let alone contacting the buying organizations.

Everybody has harrowing tales about hotels and guest houses where beds and mattresses litter the corridors, and we've even heard about one chap who spent two nights on the streets even though his hotel had acknowledged and thanked him personally for a prepaid advance booking.

All this has led Richard Thomas away from his original trade of teaching English in Saudi Arabia to running a number of villas with built-in catering, car and secretarial services for individuals on short trips or for groups willing to enter into two or three-year contracts. He saw his chance when more and more frequently he found himself rescuing stranded Britons and putting them up in his own home.

Thomas read Law at Cambridge and went out to teach in Saudi Arabia six years ago. His first foray into running a private guest house was for a team from the British Aircraft Corporation on a two-year assignment. He started by training houseboys to manage the cooking, cleaning and shopping for a villa.

People working in Riyadh can now hire Thomas to take over the catering for their own villas or lay on the services for them.

Financial panics have historically started in the most unexpected places. What about the notice to be seen recently on the night safe of one of the big clearing banks' branches: "Do Not Use—Broke".

Associated British Foods

Half Year Progress Report

The Directors of Associated British Foods Limited announce unaudited profits for the six months ended 27 September, 1975. An interim dividend of 0.5935p per ordinary share will be paid on 5 April, 1976 to shareholders registered at 1 March, 1976. Including tax credit this dividend is equivalent to 0.9131p per share, an increase of 10% on last year.

	Six months to 27 September 1975 £	Six months to 28 September 1974 £	Year to 29 March 1975 £
Sales to customers	580,000,000	501,000,000	1,067,000,000
Trading surplus	40,200,000	33,600,000	76,200,000
Less Depreciation	9,900,000	9,100,000	19,600,000
Group profit	30,300,000	24,500,000	56,600,000
Less Interest charges	4,700,000	5,800,000	11,100,000
Profit before Tax	25,600,000	18,700,000	45,500,000
Less United Kingdom tax	7,600,000	5,200,000	13,600,000
Overseas tax	4,300,000	3,300,000	7,000,000
Profit after Tax	13,700,000	10,200,000	24,900,000
Less Minority interests	2,900,000	2,500,000	5,300,000
	10,800,000	7,700,000	19,600,000
Less Extraordinary items	600,000	400,000	(800,000)
	£10,200,000	£7,300,000	£20,400,000
Preference dividends	20,000	20,000	40,000
Ordinary dividends			
1st Interim	1,954,000	1,807,000	1,807,000
2nd Interim	—	—	3,372,000

The Chairman, Mr. GARRY H. WESTON, reports:

Total worldwide sales for the Group, after allowing for currency realignments, have increased by £79 million to £580 million, or 16 per cent, compared with the first six months of last year.

Profits before tax have increased by £6.9 million to £25.6 million, or 37 per cent, during this period, with nearly all our operating divisions making contributions towards this increase.

In this country the results from our main manufacturing and retail divisions were all very satisfactory; of particular note were the contributions made by Fine Fare and our biscuit companies.

It was, however, the major turnround in the results achieved by our Australian subsidiaries and our bakery division in this country which contributed so substantially to these six months' figures. In the first half of last year, both of these divisions had made negligible contributions to the Group's results, due to the severe effects of price control; since that time their operating margins have been partially restored.

In South Africa, increased exports, as well as improvements in productivity, raised profits by 27 per cent, although in sterling terms, this was partially offset by the devaluation of the Rand in September.

In addition to the better operational results, there has been a substantial improvement in the Group's liquidity position in the UK, which is reflected in the reduction of interest charges. This improvement in liquidity, supported by some restoration of profit margins, has enabled the company to review afresh its capital expenditure programme. The Group's forward capital commitments have now been increased to a level approximately 40 per cent higher than in the same period last year.

Undoubtedly, these results must be considered very satisfactory, particularly under present trading conditions, and once again they clearly demonstrate the relative efficiency and competitive strength of the Group, both at home and overseas, and the concentrated efforts of the managements of our operating divisions.

Whilst we believe that we may have some difficulty in maintaining the current level of margins in the second half of the year, given reasonable trading conditions, we are confident that the Group can maintain its momentum and will record a year of exceptional profit growth, combined with a renewed commitment to a high level of capital investment.

Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and

Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls.

*Excluding surplus of £292,139 on revaluation of properties at 1st April, 1973 and provisions for deferred profit of £800,... 200,199 277,199 304,855 337,574

GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

Commercial Union

Assurance Company Limited

The Board announces estimated and unaudited profits for the 9 months to 30th September, 1975 of £8.4m (£19.1m) after providing for taxation.

	9 months to 30th Sept. 1975 (Estimate) £m	9 months to 30th Sept. 1974 (Estimate) £m	Year 1974 (Actual) £m
Net Written Premiums Fire, Accident & Marine	692.3	562.6	766.4
Underwriting Fire, Accident & Marine	(−)46.7	(−)11.1	(−)15.4
Investment Income	74.7	55.2	80.7
Life Profits	3.5	2.3	3.1
Share of Associated Company's Earnings	(−)1.8	.9	.8
Trading Profit	29.7	47.3	69.2
Loan Interest & Minorities	16.0	14.2	19.1
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	13.7	33.1	50.1
Taxation	5.3	14.0	21.4
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION ..	8.4	19.1	28.7
Earnings per Share	2.69p	8.57p	12.26p
Net Assets attributable to Shareholders	£271.1m	£168.0m	£222.2m

As usual, the results of the Company's overseas operations have been converted at rates of exchange ruling at the close of the periods reported above.

Investment income has continued to show a substantial increase over last year but trading profits are still depressed by underwriting losses, particularly in the United States and Australia.

In the United Kingdom underwriting profits continue to be satisfactory.

The deterioration in the United States that was evident in the second quarter has continued unabated and the statutory operating ratio has increased from 108.9% at 6 months to 110.4% (1974 102.7%). The adverse conditions in the industry persist. These include high court awards, increasing auto repair costs and inflation. We have already received rate increases in a number of States and we are accelerating the frequency of applications for increases in the States where they are still required and where prior approval is necessary. We are, however, faced with reluctance on the part of some State Insurance Departments to grant adequate increases. The underwriting review and upgrading of our business is continuing and further measures to reduce our exposure to unprofitable business are being actively developed.

In Australia a major curtailment of our operation is in progress, full details of which were publicised during September. The results for the quarter ended 30th September 1975 show an improvement but it is too early to be confident of the continuing effect of the action taken, in view of the uncertain political and economic conditions there.

The results in Western Europe show some deterioration. This is particularly noticeable in Germany where in common with several other continental countries, motor results continue to be unprofitable.

In Canada, where substantial rate increases have been obtained, results are improving.

In the remainder of the world there are mixed results. There is deterioration in South Africa because of increased competition following several profitable years.

Unprofitable results in Marine reflect the severe competition and rate cutting which has persisted in the market over the last two years. There is now some movement towards a hardening of rates, which, if continued, should improve prospects in this class in 1976.

7¼% Unsecured Loan Stock 1988/93

The proposal to redeem this Loan Stock amounting to £22.8m was approved by over 90% of the votes cast by stockholders and accordingly the Loan Stock was repaid on the 24th October, 1975.

Publication of 1975 Results

Our preliminary results for the year 1975 will be published on the 5th April 1976 and the Report and Accounts will be posted to shareholders on the 15th April, 1976.

Insure with Commercial Union Assurance

CU Assurance

Jokai Tea Holdings

Growers and Manufacturers of Tea in India and Malawi

	1974 kgs.	1973 kgs.
Crop:		
Estates in Assam	8,903,859	6,492,407*
Estates in Malawi	2,453,576	2,040,721
	1974/75 £	1973/74 £
Turnover	5,286,635	4,534,684
Profit before tax	1,828,380	738,248
Profit after tax	711,686	301,663
Dividends	156,550	147,092
Earnings per share	33.54p	14.03p

Excludes estates sold retrospectively.

The 1974/75 results show that the Group has fully participated in the increased profitability which has been enjoyed by the tea industry generally since the improvement of tea prices which took place in early 1974. The Board recommends the payment of a dividend of 7.15 per cent on the ordinary share capital.

Conveyance of both the Tipuk and Hukanpukri estates was effected during 1974, and there are no further sales outstanding. Scheduled remittances of capital sales proceeds have continued to be duly received from India.

In conformity with the requirements of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act 1973, a scheme has recently been submitted to the Government of India for the conversion of the Indian undertaking of the Jokai (Assam) Tea Co. Ltd. into a rupee company. The future policy of the Jhanzie and B.I.T. companies in relation to FERA is under active consideration.

The outturn to date of the Group's estates in India is marginally ahead of 1974, but they may not be able to sustain this comparative lead in view of the exceptionally good close to last season's harvesting. Prices for 1975 teas have also been encouragingly higher so far, but it would be premature to forecast the final results of the current year until a much greater proportion of the crop has been sold. In Malawi, 1974/75 was another good production year and the combined 1974/75 profits of the Group's Malawi subsidiaries may be expected to be similar to those of 1973/74.

H.G. SINCLAIR, *Chairman*

Copies of the annual report can be obtained from The Secretary, Jokai Tea Holdings Limited, Dunster House, 37 Mincing Lane, London, EC3R 7BT

The Times Special Reports.

All the subject matter on all the subjects that matter.

THE TIMES

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Chamberlain Phipps profits touch bottom

By Peter Elliott

In what is described as the worst trading conditions for 30 years, pre-tax profits of Chamberlain Phipps, the Northants-based maker of components for the footwear, clothing and car industries, tumbled from £864,000 to £227,000 for the six months to September 30. Even turnover shrank, from a record £18.3m to £16.1m.

But in spite of the disappointing first half, Mr Frank Chamberlain, chairman, expects a "reasonable improvement" in the second. He notes that demand from the footwear and car industries is now growing and the company's cash position has improved. In the full year to March 31 last, group pre-tax profits fell 31 per cent to £1.27m, on turnover of £37.3m.

Apparently the company's main activity of supplying materials to the footwear industry has been "very difficult" in most countries. The car and textile sectors also proved troublesome and problems persisted at Faire Brothers where a factory and several other departments were closed. In addition, it sold Sunthorn's factory and business in Kent.

The group, whose spread takes in South Africa, Germany, New Zealand, Canada and Australia, reports a loss in Germany, partly because of low demand, but mainly because of teething problems at a large new metallizing paper plant.

Extraordinary debits took £177,000, against £3,000, the result of factory closures and other non-recurring losses. Thus earnings a share dropped from 1.78p to 0.13p, but the interim dividend is maintained at 0.66p. The group's shares eased on the news.

AMCOAL aim to revitalize South African coal trade

By Desmond Quigley

Trading in shares of Anglo American Coal Corporation, which is being formed through a series of mergers of South African coal interests, will start on January 5, according to the prospectus now issued.

AMCOAL, which effectively will be a mining finance house specialising in coal mining, will account for some 30 per cent of South Africa's coal production. The document confirms that, if the merger goes through successfully, the Government approval granted for the lucrative export of 100m tons of bituminous coal over 20 years to the Anglo American Corporation will be transferred to AMCOAL.

The new organisation will be created by changing the name of Vereeniging Estates to AMCOAL, which will then acquire the shares it does not own in Anglo Power Collieries, Transvaal Coal, Amalgamated Collieries of South Africa, Bleshok, Coronation Collieries, New Largo, and SA Coal Estates (Witbank).

The document, which forecasts total AMCOAL dividends of 38c a share for 1976, notes the historical tendency towards small units which had an inability to raise large funds. "The challenges of revitalisation and the opportunities for growth . . . are of a magnitude" which called into question the ability of the industry to seize the opportunities, the statement adds.

Bowater talks spark Stewart Plastics shares

News that London-based Stewart Plastics had received a takeover approach from giant newsprint group Bowater, brought a flare-up of 25p to 95p in Stewart shares, valuing the equity at over £4m. Bowater shed 5p to 169p.

Stewart makes a wide range of plastic products, including food containers, kitchen utensils and other household items. In its year to April 30, pre-tax profit was £1.1m—a best-ever performance.

Among other interests of Bowater are packaging, building products, furniture and carpets.

Volkswagen is more sanguine on prospects

A "significantly" smaller loss is expected for 1975 than the DM807m (£152m) loss for 1974. But a spokesman declined to confirm a published report that Volkswagen has been making a profit since August and would report a loss less than half that for 1974. However, he did say that it is possible that the group would be working in the black for periods during the forthcoming year.

A decision on the long-studied question of whether to assemble cars in the United States could come early next year.

Stock markets

Ten-point jump in index

The new account started with widespread gains on the London stock market yesterday and, by the close, the *FT* index had advanced 9.9 to 375.5.

With a rather depressing general news background, many dealers felt that the advance had been rather overdone, but they reported that there had been no "mark up" and that shares had been bought all the way up with some help from the institutions.

Once again, the interest centred on the front-line stocks and here even **Metal Box** was able to close 6p firmer to 265p in spite of a sharp setback at halfway, which was largely discounted. The buying was based on a bullish second-half forecast.

The pattern was the now familiar one of a strong start—by noon the index had risen nine points—followed by a much quieter session in the afternoon as the genuine investors completed their business for the day.

Apart from **Metal Box**, the best of the "blue chips" were **ICI**, up 7p to 320p, **Fisons** 7p to 362p, **Unilever** 10p to 420p and **Glaxo** 4p to 352p. Still reflecting last week's results, **Courtaulds** took a reverse, losing 4p to 142p.

Food shares were led up by a better-than-expected interim return from **AB Foods** which gained 4p to 70p. **Sainsbury** staged a strong recovery after recent weakness, coming back 9p to 147p, while **Cavenham** firmed 5p to 138p and **Lyons** "A" a couple of pence to 160p.

Higher cigarette prices had **Imperial Group** 3½p better, at 81½p, and **British American Tobacco** 10p to the good at 335p.

Recent encouraging comment gave a lift to motor industry shares—for so long treated as second-line stocks. **Lucas**, which had results last week, gained 6p to 176p, **Rolls-Royce Motors** 4p to 70p, **Chloride**, also after results, 6p to 112p, and **Wilmott-Breeden** 4p to 37½p. **Dunlop**, at 71p, gained 3p.

The engineering sector also had its features with **Associated Engineering**, another component group, 3p better to 78½p, **John Brown** 5p to the good at 63p and **Tube Investments** gaining 6p to 292p.

Disappointing quarterly figures from **Commercial Union** clipped 8p to 142p from the shares and served to depress the sector. **Bur Royal**, which reports today, was a firm spot and gained 4p to 318p. The other subdued pitch was properties where continuing doubts over the position in Australia had **MEPC** 3p off at 53p and **Amalgamated Investment & Property** easier, though by the close it had firmed a penny to 14p.

The best of a firm building pitch was **London Brick**, up 4p to 63p, and **Redland**, which traded five points higher, at 104p.

Figures due tomorrow from **British & Commonwealth** had the shares 2p better, at 196p, while **P&O Dfd** were in demand and ended the day with a gain of 4p to 112p.

In the banking sector, **Barclays** 315p, **National Westminster** 250p and **Midland** 305p closed up to 7p better and **Akroyd & Smithers** ended no less than 9p to the good on the anticipation of figures next week and a favourable comment.

Nine-month figures from **House of Fraser** added a point to 79p in stores where **Debenhams** were also wanted at 86p, better by 2p.

An approach from **Bowater** (easier at 170p) boosted **Stewart Plastics** 23p to 93p.

Oils followed the general market trend and had **BP** 7p better to 587p and **Shell** up by 6p to 385p.

Golds were dull with losses of up to 50p. But in mines **Lonrho**, the second most active stock of the day, spurted 9p to 122p on favourable comment. **Consolidated Murchison** was hit by profit-taking and shed 50p to 750p, and **Roan Consolidated** were weakened 30p to 170p on general selling, some of it American.

Other firm spots were **EMI** 225p, **Decca** "A" 226p and **Thorn** "A". **Muirhead** responded to higher profits by closing 6p better, at 82p, **Seccombe Marshall** were untouched at 250p after a statement, while **Thomas Marshall** gained 5p to 75p.

After-hours conditions stayed firm, but quiet. **Metal Box** gave back a penny or so of earlier gains and **J. Nichols** gained ground. **Commercial Union** went even easier after results and golds gave up even more ground.

Further sales of the "tap" stocks by the Government broker dampened price rises in the gilt-edged market despite heavy buying. The Treasury 11¾ per cent, 1981, medium-dated "tap" is expected to be exhausted today or tomorrow. Its price was raised on two occasions during the session.

"Shorts" suffered from switching into the "tap". Losses of 1/16 or ⅛ point were recorded on the high-coupon stocks, although interest in low-coupon stocks remained strong and some showed rises up to ½ point.

"Mediums" and "longs" were mostly ¼ point up. Dealers said that the market had been fairly busy, with some small buying of the long-dated "tap", Treasury 12¾ per cent, 1992.

Equity turnover on November 14 was £70.45m (19,269 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Lonrho, Shell, BP, Berry Wiggins new, Barclays Bank, Metal Box, Lucas, British American Tobacco, Distillers, P & O Dfd, Redland, Imperial Group, Debenhams new, Marks & Spencer, Associated Engineering, Stewart Plastics, Tunnel Holdings, Chloride and Durban Deep.

Talk of a possible offer sent buyers into Tunnel Holdings, the cement group where Thos W. Ward has a sizeable stake. Depressed of late because of the West Thurrock closure, the shares have staged a come-back and yesterday jumped 8p to 183p in an active session.

With price rises in the pipeline, a strong export market and its dividend well covered, Distillers look set for a good run. The shares have been stronger recently after being knocked by lower profits in the summer. At the close, they had gained 4p to 127p.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Ash Spinning (25p) Int	1.0	1.5	28/11	—	3.62
Arguthnot Latham (£1)	2.7	2.69	5/1	—	7.61
Assoc Brit Foods (5p) Int	0.59	0.55	—	—	1.58
Bishopsgate Plats (10c) S Int	1.5*	3.1*	—	—	3.1*
Berry Trust (25p)	0.62	0.61	19/12	0.62	0.61
Chamberlain Phipps (10p)	0.44	0.44	5/1	—	1.73
Dartmouth Inv (5p) Int	0.3	0.16†	2/1	—	0.60†
Godfrey Davis (25p) Int	0.7	0.7	2/1	—	2.72
Allan Kennedy (25p) Int	0.9	0.85	19/1	—	2.45
F C Construction (25p) Int	0.97	0.89	22/12	—	2.63
Impala Plats Qty	15*	30*	—	—	—
Grand Cent Inv (10p)	0.5	0.5	—	0.5	0.5
Thos Marshall (25p) Int	1.26	1.18	—	—	3.23
Metal Box (£1) Int	5.3	4.35	1/4	—	10.21
Muirhead (25p) Fin	2.47	2.27	22/1*	3.02	2.63
Nichols (Vimto) (25p) Int	3.5	2.0	8/1	—	6.5
RCF Holdings (25p) Fin	1.56	1.48	—	2.44	2.36
Seccombe Marshall (£1) Int	6.0	4.56†	2/1	—	12.7†
Utd Engineering (10p)	0.91	0.50	17/12	—	2.19

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * Cents a share. † Adjusted for scrip.

BR spur in Muirhead's 36 pc surge

By Ashley Druker

Surpassing general expectations of "about £1m" full-time, Muirhead, electrical and mechanical engineers, actually jumped 36 per cent to £1.1m pre-tax for the 12 months to September 30. This is the first time Muirhead has topped £1m.

Contributing to its recent strength after last year's static performance has been the launch of British Rail's new, computer-based freight handling system, bringing in its wake big business for the group. This is in the shape of about 500 facsimile transmitters with associated maintenance.

Sales for the 12 months just past expanded by 38 per cent to £13.07m, while the "net" profit climbed from £368,000 to £494,000 before an extraordinary loss of £36,000 (nil). Per-share earnings reached 7.7p against 6.7p while the total payment is up from 7.37p to 7.67p gross.

An employee of the German subsidiary caused the non-trading loss. Proceeding have been taken.

BTR buys more of Permali

Though Permali is still putting up a spirited fight, BTR is remorselessly strengthening its hold on the company. Yesterday BTR announced it had bought another 70,600 Permali shares from shareholders associated with Permali SA at 31½p. Furthermore, Cazenove says that on November 14 it bought 11,000 ordinary Permali for BTR at 31½p. The offer is due to close on Saturday.

The bid, which was launched in September, has been fought all the way by Permali.

Big Customagic block placed

Some 1.32m shares of Customagic Manufacturing (about 25 per cent of the equity) have been privately placed by its merchant bankers Portman Guarantee, with various institutional clients. Market worth would be about £158,000.

The effect of this placing is that, outside the board, no holding now constitutes more than 10 per cent of the capital. The shares placed were the holding of private company Welland Textiles

Otis suspended in London

The Stock Exchange yesterday temporarily suspended the listing of Otis Elevator's shares, pending the lifting of a similar ban on the New York market.

United Technologies says that around 6.2m of Otis ordinary shares, or about 73 per cent of the outstanding shares have been tendered under its offer to buy the company's shares at the increased price of $44 (£21) each. United estimates its bid at $280m. Of this, $152m will come from corporate funds, and the balance will be borrowed under an existing bank revolving-credit agreement.

T Marshall Inv advances as margins dip

Following last year's slight rise in pre-tax profits from £1.13m to a record £1.14m, Thomas Marshall Investments, Manchester-based garment group, achieved a 10 per cent rise in profits to £70,000 for the six months to September 27.

Turnover went up from £9.13m to £10.3m, indicating a dip in margins from nearly 7 per cent to 6.46 per cent. Over the whole of last year, margins declined from 7.6 per cent to 6.9 per cent.

Mr T. Farr, chairman, says that though trading conditions remain difficult, the board expects group turnover for the full year to be around £20m, compared with £17.6m last year.

Late spurt by RCF

Slightly ahead after six months (from £285,000 to £303,000), R. C. F. Holdings, hand tools manufacturers, put on the pace in the second leg to close 30 per cent up at £905,000 pre-tax—a best-ever for the year to July 31. In May the board was not over-optimistic, taking the view that it was nearing the maximum competitive prices for its export markets in a time of increasing labour costs.

Profits include an abnormal £73,000 (nil); the "net" is up from £330,000 to £430,000, and per-share earnings from 5.03p to 6.89p. The total dividend is being raised from 3.57p to 3.75p gross.

$150m for Ecuador

The Republic of Ecuador has negotiated a $150m (£73m) seven-year loan to finance internal projects including road building and improvements, ports and electrical facilities. The loan was arranged by a syndicate of banks led by Bank of America, Chase Manhattan, Citicorp International, Manufacturers' Hanover Trust and Wells Fargo.

Rights successes

Cape Industries one-for-four rights issue of 44m shares at 105p each to raise about £5m has met with a 97 per cent acceptance. The money will be used to increase the group's equity base and provide the necessary permanent finance to develop its business. Meanwhile, Amalgamated Distilled Products reports that its one-for-one offer of 3.37m shares at 20p each to raise about £653,000 drew a 95 per cent acceptance. The balance has been sold at premium.

Exports spur Nichols (Vimto)

Over the whole of last year pre-tax profits of J. N. Nichols (Vimto) dropped from a record £250,000 to £160,000, but thanks to an upsurge in exports, things are a lot brighter for the six months to September 30. Pre-tax profits of this soft drinks and fruit compounds group are up from £52,000 to £204,000—nearly up to the 1974 peak for a full year.

There was a rise in home sales but exports jumped by 90 per cent. The interim dividend is up from 2.98p to 5.39p gross.

The second half will not be as spectacular, but the outcome should still be "most satisfactory".

Scotia-Alco bid

Following the ruling in August by the Takeover Panel clearing the way for a full bid by Alco Metropolitan Properties (owning 60.1 per cent) for Scotia Investments, the Scotia directors, excluding those controlling Alco, recommend acceptance for the 17p a share offer. Alco gained control via a £2.75m loan from Scotia. Some £2.1m of the loan was taken up by settling Alco's debts to Scotia. Assets of Scotia are worth some 14.1p.

F. C. Construction

After notching up a 30 per cent profit increase at half time, F. C. Construction, civil engineer and maker of precast concrete, expects to better last year's record pre-tax figure of £364,000. In the half to June 30, pre-tax profit was £236,000 against £181,000 the year before. Though the company began the year with a reduced order book, turnover rose slightly from £1.62m to £1.65m. Earnings a share advanced from 3.35p to 4.85p and the dividend is increased from 1.32p to 1.49p.

Ash Spinning slump

On sales down from £2.6m to £2.3m, pre-tax profits of Ash Spinning have dropped 79 per cent to £18,000 for the six months to September 27. Earnings a share were only 1.35p, against 8.01p, and the dividend is reduced to 1.54p, from 2.23p.

The results include the trading loss of about £50,000 net from the W. K. Blackburn group which has gone into receivership. The total indebtedness of Blackburn to the group is some £268,000.

Sharp decline at Cons Plantations

Earlier this year, Consolidated Plantations, of which **Sime Darby** holds 65 per cent, cautioned shareholders that it would be difficult to match last year's record profits of £12.5m. The warning appears justified for, in the first three months of the year to September 30, pre-tax profits dived from £4.06m to £2.56m.

The group, which is expanding its oil palm crop at the expense of rubber, has budgeted for a rubber crop of 58 million lb in the current year—an 11 per cent reduction on last year. It will begin earning revenue from cocoa during the present year and it should also benefit from a "modest" improvement in investment income.

Progress has been made in identifying new sources of revenue from upgrading raw materials and processing waste products of oil palm.

Beaverbrook's bank borrowings up £4m

Bank borrowings by Beaverbrook Newspapers swelled by £4m to £10m in the year ended June 30. Writing in the annual report, Sir Max Aitken, chairman, says the increase was anticipated: it resulted mainly from increased capital expenditure of over £7m on new plant and the two main property developments in Fleet Street and Bristol. Both are scheduled for completion next month and will ease future cash flow.

Like most companies involved in property, the accounts contain a minor qualification. At June 30 last year property was valued at £20.4m, but the directors believe that current market values are below that. The auditors say because of the uncertain property market they cannot assess whether provision for permanent diminution is required. In the year under review, pre-tax profit rebounded to £3.23m against a loss of £1.35m.

Euromarkets

Because of double counting, some of the figures quoted in yesterday's article on the Euromarkets were incorrect. Borrowing by industrial countries during the first nine months of this year was $3,160m, not $4,400m; oil exporters borrowed $2,170m, not $3,000m; higher income developing countries borrowed $4,820m, not $7,100m; and middle-income countries borrowed $755m, not $1,000m.

UTD ENGINEERING

Turnover for six months to July 31, £4.2m (£3.7m). Pre-tax profits, £180,000 (£155,000). Dividend is lifted from 0.75p to 1.40p gross.

EDGE TOOL

Although turnover in six months to September 27 rose from £1.73m to £2.32m, pre-tax profits fell from £312,000 to £225,000.

UNITED INDUSTRIAL

No dividend for year to strengthen liquidity (1.2p). Pre-tax profits £40,000. Reorganization proceeding. First interim due in February.

CLRP INV TRUST

"In the medium term Sandilands proposals, by stopping the erosion of real capital, give hope that ordinary shares may yet become a hedge against inflation. When the economy improves, higher profits from greater use of existing capacity will mitigate the shock of accounts that show real, instead of paper, profits."—Mr Antony Touche, chairman.

COPE SPORTSWEAR

Worthing-based Cope Sportswear reports pre-tax profits down from £150,000 to £91,000 in the first six months to June 30. But the board says the company's trading pattern has changed in the past six months. Profits are now spread more equally over the year. As a result, the group has sharply reduced its stocks, and liquidity is now "relatively healthy".

Arbuthnot Latham

INTERIM REPORT

The performance of the Group for the half year ended on 30th September 1975 has been encouraging and the unaudited accounts for the period show satisfactory progress in overall profits. An interim dividend of 2.7p per ordinary share (1974–2.695p) has been declared which will be paid on 5th January 1976 to shareholders on the register on 12th December 1975.

A. R. C. Arbuthnot
Chairman
Arbuthnot Latham Holdings Limited

17th November 1975

TRAFFORD PARK ESTATES LIMITED

Extracts from the Accounts presented at the Annual General Meeting held in Manchester on 12 November, 1975.

Year ended 30th June.	1975 £	1974 £
Profit before Interest and Tax	1,143,682	992,473
Interest payable	(487,588)	(450,272)
Taxation	(101,839)	(65,988)
Share of Associated Company loss	(38,691)	—
Minority Interests	(18,462)	(20,454)
Extraordinary Items	26,429	92,962
	522,531	548,721
Cost of dividends	245,918	230,459
Retained Profits including £2,642 (1974 £252,205) transferred from non-distributable reserves	287,613	318,262
Earnings per share	5.8p	5.48p
Net Dividend per share (maximum permissible)	2.93p	2.75p

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

	Bid	Offer
$ STRAIGHTS		
ADIC 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Air France 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Alcoa 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Allied 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Amoco 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Argentina 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Australia 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Bank Tokyo 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Bowater 8½ 1992	99½	100½
British Steel 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Burmah 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Carrier 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Caterpillar 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Chevron 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Conoco 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Consol Gold 8½ 1992	99½	100½
CSR 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Dow Chem 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Dunlop Holdings 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Eastman Kodak 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Elec de France 8½ 1992	99½	100½
ENI 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Esso 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Ford Motor 8½ 1992	99½	100½
GEC 8½ 1992	99½	100½
General Electric 8½ 1992	99½	100½
General Motors 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Gillette 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Gulf Oil Canada 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Gulf Oil Corp 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Hydro Quebec 8½ 1992	99½	100½
IBM 8½ 1992	99½	100½
ICI 8½ 1992	99½	100½
International Harvester 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Kawasaki Steel 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Kubota 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Mitsubishi Corp 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Mitsubishi Heavy Ind 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Mitsui & Co 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Nippon Steel 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Nippon Yusen 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Norsk Hydro 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Occidental Petroleum 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Pacific Lighting 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Pacific Lighting 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Pechiney 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Peninsular Power 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Petrofina 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Pirelli 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Reuters 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Shell Int Fin 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Shell Union Oil 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Sperry Rand 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Standard Oil Calif 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Standard Oil Ind 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Sumitomo Corp 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Sydney 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Tenneco 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Texaco 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Tokyo Elec Power 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Union Oil Calif 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Williams & Glyns 8½ 1992	99½	100½
Xerox 8½ 1992	99½	100½
DM BONDS		
CEP 8½ 1985	100	100½
Denmark 10½ 1980	100	100½
ICI 8½ 1982	100	100½
Shell 8½ 1982	100	100½
National Westminster 8½ 1982	99½	99½
Smallman Metal Inds 8½ 1982	99½	99½
Sun Int Fin 7½ 1988	94	95
$ CONVERTIBLES		
ANZ 5 1987	94	96
American Express 4½ 1987	80	82
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1988	100	111
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1991	102	104
Beatrice Foods 4½ 1992	102	104
Borden 5 1982	92	93
Borden 4½ 1991	105	106
Broadway Hale 4½ 1987	75	79
Carnation 4 1988	83	87
Chevron 5 1992	100	102
Cummins 4½ 1988	77	79
Dart 4½ 1987	82	84
Goldman Knald 4½ 1988	126	132
Uranium Enls 4½ 1987	90	92
Federated Dept Stores 4½ 1987	131	135
Ford 4½ 1988	77	79
Ford 5 1989	88	90
Gillette 4½ 1987	77	79
Gould 4½ 1987	90	92
General Electric 4½ 1987	83	85
Gulf and Western 5 1988	86	88
Harris 5 1987	95	97
Rockwell 5 1989	78	80
TRW 5 1987	68	70
J. Ray McDermott 4½ 1987	113	115
JP Morgan 4½ 1987	104	106
Nabisco 5½ 1988	91	93
Owens Illinois 4½ 1987	89	91
JC Penney 4½ 1987	78	80
Reuters 4½ 1987	100	101½
Bank Org 4½ 1993	82	84
Sperry Rand 4½ 1988	93	95½
Squibb 4½ 1987	71	73
Texaco 4½ 1988	71	73
Union Carbide 4½ 1989	103	104
Warner Lambert 4½ 1987	93	95
Xerox Corp 5 1988	73	77
DM Deutschmark bonds.		

Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank	11%
Brit London Secs	11%
C. Hoare & Co.	*11%
Lloyds Bank	11%
Midland Bank	11%
Nat Westminster	11%
Westminster Acc's	11%
Shenley Trust	12½%
20th Century Bank	12½%
Williams & Glyn's	11%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 7%, up to £25,000, 7¼%, over £25,000, 8¼%.

MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

COPPER was steady, cash wire bars pulling on £2.75 and the three-month position advancing by £3.50.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £577.50-78.50 a metric ton; three months, £598.50-99. Sales, 1,050 tons. Cash cathodes, £564.50-65; three months, £585-85.50. Sales, 25 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £576.50-76.50; three months, £597-97.50. Settlement, £576.50. Sales, 8,676 tons (about half carries). Cash cathodes, £562.50-63.00; three months, £583-84. Settlement, £563. Sales, 650 tons (mainly carries).

SILVER was steady putting on about 1p in all three LME positions.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 213.30p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 433.3); three months, 218.90p (441.7c); six months, 225.40p (450.6c); one-year, 239.80p (471.1c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 213.5-13.5p; three months, 220-20.1p; seven months, 229-29.5p. Sales, 35 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 212.8-13p; three months, 219.4-19.5p; seven months, 228.5-29p. Settlement, 213p. Sales, 35 lots.

TIN: Standard cash put on £4.50 and the three-month position was £11 up on Friday.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,085-90 a metric ton; three months, £3,148-49. Sales, 240 tons. High grade, cash, £3,085-90; three months, £3,148-49. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,070-72; three months, £3,128-30. Settlement, £3,072. Sales, 290 tons. High grade, cash, £3,070-72; three months, £3,128-30. Settlement, £3,072. Sales, nil. Singapore tin ex-works, SM964 375 a picul.

LEAD was dull and featureless.—Afternoon.—Cash, £164.50-64.75 a metric ton; three months, £171.50-71.75. Sales, 550 tons. Morning.—Cash, £164-64.25; three months, £171-71.25. Settlement, £164.25. Sales, 3,350 tons (mainly carries).

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £345.50-46 a metric ton; three months, £357-58. Sales, 6,275 tons (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash, £343.25-43.50; three months, £355.25-55.50. Settlement, £343.50. Sales, 8,000 tons (mainly carries). Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was 40p down on Friday at £70.90 ($144) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was slightly steadier.—Dec, 34-34.70p per kilo; Jan, 34.50-35.50p; Jan-March, 35.60-35.90p; April-June, 37.55-37.60p; July-Sept, 38.60-38.65p; Oct-Dec, 39.60-39.85p; Jan-March, 40.80-40.85p; April-June, 41.65-41.80p; July-Sept, 43.15-43.40p. Sales, 40 lots at 5 tonnes; 139 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were uncertain.—Spot, 33.75-34.75. Cifs, Dec, 31.85-32.00; Jan, 32.40-33.00.

COFFEE: Robustas were steady. Arabicas were quiet.

ROBUSTAS.—Nov, £698-705 per metric ton; Jan, £702-04; March, £702-04; May, £702-03; July, £705-06; Sept, £709-10; Nov, £710-15. Sales: 523 lots including 71 options.

ARABICAS.—Dec, $87-88 per 50 kilos; Feb, $85-85.80; April, $85.95-86.20; June, $86-86.50; Aug, $86.40-87.00; Oct, $87.50-87.70; Dec, $87-88. Sales: 13 lots.

COCOA: Nearby December eased £12.25 on Friday's close while the March position was £12.40 lower.—Dec, £635-37 per metric ton; March, £612.50-13.00; May, £598.50-99.00; July, £590-93; Sept, £587-88; Dec, £578.50-80.00; March, £576.50-78.00. Sales: 3,100 lots including 2 options. ICO prices: daily 56.07c; 15-day average 58.09c; 22-day average 58.19c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR futures were easier. The London daily prices were: "raws" £152 (unchanged); "whites" £170 (unchanged).—Dec, £155.05-55.20 per long ton; March, £154.85-55; May, £156.35-56.60; Aug, £156.50-57; Oct, £157.05-57.75; Dec, £157.10-57.25; March, £156-56.20. Sales 3,108 lots. ISA prices: 14.95c; 17-day average 14.08c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was quietly steady.—Dec, £83.70-84.70 per metric ton; Feb, £86.70-85.90; April, £84.70-86.00; June, £85.60-85.70; Aug, £86.60-86.90; Oct, £87.70-88.00. Sales: 37 lots.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady.—Dec, 168-70p per kilo; March, 173-75p; May, 173-74p; July, 176-79p; Oct, 187-88p; Dec, 188-92p; March, 188-94p. Sales 2 lots.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade Nov-Dec £185 a long ton. "D" grade Nov-Dec £188. Calcutta was steady.—Indian Oct-Dec Rs460 per bale of 400 lbs. Dundee Daisee. Oct-Dec Rs422.50.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—Trading remained thin in a marginally changed market.

WHEAT.—United States dark northern spring No 2 14 per cent. Jan, £98.20; Feb, £98.90; March, £100 direct Tilbury. Dec, £96.85; April/mid-May, £99.05; May, £98.95; June, £99.05; July, £99.35; trans-shipment east coast. EEC feed: Nov, £63; Dec, £63.50 east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French: Nov, £66.25; Dec, £66.25; Jan, £67.25 trans-shipment east coast. South African yellow: Nov, £71.50; Dec, £73, nominal sellers United Kingdom. All per long ton, cif UK unless stated.

BARLEY was unquoted.

MARK LANE.—Generally quiet trading pervaded the London market and price movements were marginal. Dealers said there was a possibility that London paid £67 per long ton for Jan-March deliveries of milling wheat. Elsewhere, Liverpool paid £70 for April-June deliveries. Liverpool also paid £68.75 for April-June deliveries of denaturable wheat. The following are average sellers quotations in per long ton for delivery London area: Wheat, Hasberg, Nov, £64; Dec, £64.50. Denaturable, Nov, £63.50; Dec, £63.75. Barley feed, Dec, £63.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was steady: Nov, £60.40; Jan, £62.25; March, £64.45; May, £65.95; Sept, £64.85. WHEAT was steady: Nov, £62.50; Jan, £64.10; March, £65.80; May, £67.40; Sept, £60.45.

HULETTS CORP
Net profit R9.37m (£5.2m) (R10.45m) for six months to end September. Turnover is R131.6m (155.1m).

H. NIGHTINGALE & CO LIMITED
Threadneedle Street, London EC2R 8HP Tel: 01-638 8651

1974/75 Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P E
26	Armitage & Rhodes	27	—	3.0	11.1	7.1
94	Deborah Services	96	—	7.5	7.8	5.1
90	Henry Sykes	133	—	4.9	3.7	8.9
18	Twinlock Ord	23	—	0.9	4.0	5.7
45	Twinlock 12% ULS	54	—	12.0	22.2	—
48	Unilock Holdings	60	—	4.5	7.5	11.6

Foreign Exchange

The dollar registered substantial gains in European currency centres yesterday, as markets reacted positively to the six-nation Economic Summit agreement to extend international control over exchange rates.

The dollar, in its strongest rally since the New York City financial crisis, swung up to 1 per cent higher against the mark and other currencies, dealers said.

The United States unit closed at 2.6185/95 marks from 2.5900/25 on Friday, despite signs in Frankfurt that the Bundesbank sold dollars occasionally to *smooth excessive exchange shifts.*

The dollar was strengthened by news that the monetary authorities of the six summit nations will act to counter disorderly market conditions and erratic fluctuations in exchange rates.

Sterling fell 140 points against the dollar, to $2.0325. Its effective rate was unchanged at 29.7 per cent.

Gold fell 25 cents an ounce, to $141.75.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) November 17	Market rates (close) November 17
New York	$2.0310-0450	$2.0320-0330
Montreal	$2.0630-0790	$2.0640-0650
Amsterdam	543-47fl	5.45-46fl
Brussels	79.40-80.30f	80.00-20f
Copenhagen	12.34-40k	12.35½-36½k
Frankfurt	5.30-34m	5.31½-32½m
Lisbon	54.70-55.10e	54.80-55.00e
Madrid	121.00-70p	121.00-20p
Milan	1386-93lr	1387-89lr
Oslo	11.29½-34½k	11.30¼-31¼k
Paris	9.02-08f	9.02¾-03¾f
Stockholm	9.00-04k	9.00-01k
Tokyo	613-22y	615-17y
Vienna	37.40-70sch	37.50-70sch
Zurich	5.43-47f	5.44-45f

Effective depreciation since December 21, 1971, unchanged at 29.7 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.95-.85c prem	2.40-2.30c prem
Montreal	.40-.30c prem	1.10-1.00c prem
Amsterdam	3¼-2¼c prem	8¼-7¼c prem
Brussels	45-25c prem	110-90c prem
Copenhagen	9-7ore prem	19-17ore prem
Frankfurt	3¼-2¼pf prem	10-9pf prem
Lisbon	30c prem-40c disc	60c prem-40c disc
Milan	3-1lr prem	6-4lr prem
Oslo	6¼-4¼ore prem	15-13ore prem
Paris	4-2c prem	10-8c prem
Stockholm	4¼-2¼ore prem	11¼-9¼ore prem
Vienna	35-10gro prem	70-40gro prem
Zurich	4¼-3¼c prem	11¼-10¼c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9842-45.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5¼-5¾; seven days, 6-6½; one month, 5⅞-6⅜; three months, 6¾-7¼; six months, 7¼-7¾.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $142.10 (an ounce); pm, $142.00.

Krugerrand: (per coin) $145-147 (£71-72) (domestic); $145-147 (£71-72) (international). Sovereigns: (old), $43-44 (£21.00-22.50) (new); $45.50-47.50 (£22.25-23.25) (international).

UK metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (in tonnes unless otherwise stated) are: Copper up 8,600 to 472,475 tonnes; Tin up 285 to 6,055; Lead down 150 to 81,750; Zinc up 2,525 to 64,550; Silver down 70,000 to 17,040,000 troy ounces.

Discount market

Very tight conditions persisted throughout the day. This brought the Bank of England into the market with help on an exceptionally large scale, all delivered by way of direct Treasury Bill purchases from the houses.

At the close, some houses were still having difficulty in tracking down the final sums needed to rule-off their books. Standby facilities with their banks were often resorted to and rates stayed high.

Little money was found below 11½ per cent all day, though right at the close the range widened so that final balances were taken over a band of 11 to 11½ per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11¼%
(Last changed 14/11/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 11%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: Open 11¼ Close 11
Week Fixed: 11¼-11½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)			
Buying		Selling	
2 months	11⅛	2 months	11⅛
3 months	11⅛	3 months	11⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%)		Trades (Dis%)	
2 months	11¼-11⅛	3 months	11⅞
3 months	11⅛-11⅛	4 months	11⅞
4 months	11⅛-11⅛	6 months	12
6 months	11¼-11⅛		

Local Authority Bonds			
1 month	11½-11	7 months	11½-11
2 months	11½-11	8 months	11½-11
3 months	11½-11	9 months	11½-11¼
4 months	11½-11	10 months	11½-11¼
5 months	11½-11	11 months	11½-11¼
6 months	11½-11	12 months	11½-11¼

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)			
1 month	11¼-11⅛	6 months	11⅛-11¼
3 months	11¼-11⅛	12 months	11⅞-11¾

Local Authority Market (%)			
2 days	11½-11¼	3 months	11½-11⅞
7 days	11½-11¼	6 months	11¼
1 month	11¼-11⅛	1 year	11⅞

Interbank Market (%)			
Overnight: Open 11¼		Close 11½	
1 week	11¼-11½	6 months	11½-11¼
1 month	11⅛-11⅛	9 months	11⅞-11⅞
3 months	11⅛-11⅛	12 months	11⅞-11⅞

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)
3 months 11⅛ 6 months 11⅛

Finance House Base Rate 11½%

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Bristol 13¼% 1981 (£99½b)	£9¼
Corn Exchange 10p Ord	118-1
Coventry 13⅞% 1980 (£99½a)	£30
Elandsrand Gold 20c (R3)	£300-25
Haslemere Est 9¾% Cnv (£100)	£122
Islington 13¼% 1980 (£100)	£51
Do 14% 85-86 (£100)	£47½
Lee Valley Wtr 9% Rd Pf (†)	£99¼
York Wtr 9% Pf 1980 (‡)	£98¼

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Berry Wiggins (33‡)		26 prem
Charles D. (10‡)	Jan 9	13½ prem
Debenhams (55‡)	Jan 8	29½ prem+1½
Harrison Cros (675‡)	Jan 7	175 prem
Ibstock (60‡)		36 prem
Kwik Save (10‡)		129½ prem
Minet Hldgs (20‡)	Dec 12	101 prem+6
Raybeck (10‡)	Jan 30	28 prem+1½

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £45 paid. b £10 paid. e £30 paid. f £50 paid. g £60 paid. h £25 paid. i £40 paid.

GILGATE HOLDINGS
Loss for year to end-June, £150,000 (loss, £118,000), including special items of £31,000 (£83,000).

Export quotas the key question in negotiations for a coffee pact

Two major points have so far emerged from the negotiations going on in London for a new International Coffee Agreement. The first is that a "loud and clear" warning from the United States delegation that quota restrictions are out of the question for anything up to four years seems to have had due impact in the eight-nation group which is trying to assemble a framework for a pact.

Secondly, Brazil is in no mood to allow her position as a major world supplier to be eroded because of the July frost disaster.

The United States position was put last week by Mr Julius Katz, head of the American delegation to the talks. He said that the United States saw the proposed new agreement as important, if only as "a standby *mechanism*", but it expected a "free for all" in the world coffee market for the next few years.

The present pact could be extended until the end of September, 1977, or a new agreement could be negotiated with export quotas and other economic clauses suspended until the market came back to normal. Although producers and consumers were agreed that export quotas must be suspended so long as the present shortage lasted, the problem was *how it was to be done.*

In group discussions which have followed Mr Katz's statement, it seems clear that the proposal will be for a pact lasting five years, during the first three of which export quotas would be suspended. At the end of the three-year period, the council of the International Coffee Organization would discuss what to do about the final two years if there was still a coffee shortage.

Export quotas would be flexible, with 70 per cent of each producing country's quota remaining unchanged for the life of the pact, the remaining 30 per cent being negotiated annually on the basis of reserves in producers' warehouses, or export performance in the preceding coffee year, or both.

Should the coffee shortage at the end of the three-year stand-still be so acute that reserves were exhausted, previous export performance would, of course, be the only criterion available.

Written in to such a deal would be safeguards should coffee prices drop suddenly or begin a gradual slide. In the first case export quotas would come into force if prices were below an agreed level for an agreed period; in the second case quotas would come into force only if the average price went beneath a level to be agreed.

Producers and consumers must reach agreement on what constitutes a shortfall—whether a failure in production or failure to fill an export quota—and at what level a shortfall is declared. Producers *must settle contention* among themselves about allocation of the 70 per cent fixed element of the export quota.

Commodities

Some readers have written in recent weeks to say that they have noticed that the price of silver seems to be tied to United States grain prices and asking why this should be so.

Under the headline, Lost Identity, Green's Commodity Market Comments touches on this, saying that silver price fluctuations are being *explained* by many market watchers in relation to the movements in grains or gold. "This new fad is beclouding the issue of where silver prices are headed, since silver fundamentals are unlike those in grains or gold."

"Silver", says Green's, "must regain its own identity and the crowd psychology of relating silver to grains and gold must cease before silver prices can again move up or down on the strength of silver's specific fundamental and technical reasons."

It is pointed out that the recent disclosure by the United States Commerce Department that the GNP in the third quarter had increased by 11.2 per cent annually would normally have propelled the price of silver upwards as the metal usually follows or outperforms percentage increases or decreases in the GNP.

"However, since the disclosure of the 11.2 increase in GNP coincided with weakness in grains, it was that weakness which was used as an excuse for the decline in the price of silver.

"The theory that when grains are going higher the rate of inflation will be greater, therefore one should buy silver as an inflation hedge, is not well documented either, since grain prices can go up in a deflationary period when the country is in a depression, if the weather is bad and crops are smaller, thereby driving prices contra-cyclically."

Saying that not only are the present fundamentals of silver promising, but the long-term potential also seems to be exceptionally bright, Green's point to silver supply-demand relationship figures recently published by the United States Bureau of Mines. These show that the net United States primary demand in the 10 years 1964-73, after deducting secondary recovery, amounted to 1,800m ounces.

On the other hand, total United States silver production over the same period was only 388.3m ounces, for a net combined deficit of over 1,400m ounces.

Even allowing for substantial use of silver for coinage in 1964 and 1965, the net deficit was close to 1000m ounces "and there is nothing on the horizon that can change this pattern. This wide gap between production and consumption exists not only in the United States, but the rest of the world also produces less silver than it consumes".

Wallace Jackson
Commodities Editor

Wall Street

New York, Nov 17.—Prices, mixed at the outset, turned moderately higher on the New York Stock Exchange this morning.

Analysts said some investor optimism was based on hope that New York City's battle to avoid default will be resolved favourably.

Advances outnumbered declines by better than a six-to-five margin, while the Dow-Jones industrial average gained less than a point.

LONDON & PROVINCIAL SHOP CENTRES

Joint Managing Directors
Bernard S. Berrick and Ronald Gerard

L P S C

Results for year ended 24th June, 1975

Net profit increased by 30% to £265,000 before development charges and taxation.

Dividend increased by maximum permitted 10% to .86% gross.

One for two scrip issue proposed on 25th November.

Gross assets £16.8 million.

The investment properties revalued by Healey & Baker show a surplus over book value of £776,000.

Net assets equivalent to 127p per share.

56,000 sq. ft. office development nearing completion in Slough.

The cost of properties held for future re-development is less than 10% of gross assets.

Profits should increase progressively from rent reviews approximately £850,000 per annum by 1986.

Report and accounts available from The Secretary, London & Provincial Shop Centres (Holdings) Ltd., 28, South Street, London, W1Y 5PJ

HUNT & MOSCROP (MIDDLETON) LTD.

Manufacturers of Heat Exchangers, Effluent Treatment Plant, Process Plant, Paper & Textile Machinery and General Purpose Machinery.

Extracts from Mr. E. W. Hunt's Statement

Fifth annual pre-tax profit record achieved in year ended 30th June 1975—52% up at £746,973; turnover exceeded £11 million, an increase of 120%.

Maximum permitted dividend distribution £87,204.

One-for-four scrip issue proposed, bringing capital to more than £1 million and qualifying for trustee status.

New purpose built plant opened in Canada providing a sound base for further expansion of activity in North America.

Group order books remain reasonable with excellent long term prospects in all product divisions.

The financial state of the Group—stronger than ever before—makes it well able to carry out current capital expenditure programme. Its nine operating subsidiaries covering six product divisions will enable its enlarged capacity to take advantage of an increase in business coinciding with trading cycles.

THE TIMES

The Times Awards for the best advertisement of a company's results to appear in 1975

The Times is pleased to announce that the following members of the business community have kindly agreed to act as judges of the entries for *The Times* Awards:

Chairman:
Lord Shawcross, Chairman of the Panel on Take-overs and Mergers

Members:
Anthony Bamford, Cazenove and Company
Anthony Everett, Binder Hamlyn Singleton Fabian
Edgar Palamountain, The M & G Group
Hugh Stephenson, The Times Business News
Jacqueline Thwaites, Inchbald School of Design

Conditions of Entry
All entries are free but must have appeared in the pages of *The Times* Business News during 1975.
The following are the categories in which the awards will be made:
1. Annual Results
(a) Colour or Black and White. Half page or larger, or equivalent.
(b) Colour or Black and White. *Less* than half page or equivalent.
2. Interim Results or Preliminary Figures
Colour or Black and White (All sizes).

Entries will be accepted up to December 31, 1975 and should take the form of art pulls mounted on board, with a clear indication of the category in which they are to be judged, six unmounted art pulls *should* also be provided for the use of the judges. They should be sent to:
Michael Mander
Advertisement and Marketing Director
The Times Awards
New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road
London WC1X 8EZ
Presentation of the awards will be made early in

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorised Unit Trusts			
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd.			
		Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9775			
33.6	20.6	Giants	29.7	31.3	3.91
35.0	21.1	Do Accum	31.7	34.3	3.91
29.8	18.2	Growth	28.2	30.3	4.16
32.0	19.8	Do Accum	30.6	32.2	4.16
31.1	20.7	Income	31.0	33.3	11.00
35.5	23.4	Do Accum	35.5	38.1	11.00
22.9	15.6	East & Int Acc	18.9	20.1	2.50
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
31.3	19.8	Abbey Capital	32.4	33.8	4.13
35.1	19.2	Abbey General	34.5	36.8	3.84
28.9	11.0	Do Income	26.8	28.5	4.03
28.9	13.4	Do Invest	25.9	28.5	3.56
		Albén Trust Managers Ltd.			
		14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6371			
60.3	32.1	Albén Trst	58.2	60.4	3.21
49.4	34.3	Do Income*	49.4	53.1	5.27
		Allied Hambro Group.			
		Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
54.1	30.1	Allied Capital	54.1	57.8	5.36
51.2	31.4	Do 1st	51.1	54.6	5.19
51.0	29.0	Brit Ind 2nd	51.0	54.5	5.63
29.0	16.2	Growth & Inc	28.9	30.9	5.82
24.5	14.5	Elec & Ind Dev	24.5	26.2	5.41
38.9	24.3	Met Min & Cmdty	35.9	38.3	5.46
46.8	28.1	High Income	46.8	50.0	6.84
30.4	16.4	Equity Income	30.4	32.6	6.96
23.8	14.1	International	22.1	23.7	2.80
42.4	25.0	HighYieldFnd	42.4	45.3	9.69
32.9	23.5	Hambro Fnd	32.9	35.5	5.45
40.3	22.7	Do Income	40.3	43.0	7.09
93.5	44.3	Do Recovery	93.5	99.9	6.54
19.1	9.9	Do Smaller	18.0	19.3	6.75
21.4	12.3	Do Accum	21.3	22.8	4.69
22.6	13.6	2nd Smaller	22.6	24.2	7.30
44.6	30.4	Secs of America	42.3	45.3	2.89
128.3	69.5	Exempt Fnd	128.3	132.9	6.56
		Barclays Unicorn Ltd.			
		252/6 Romford Road, London, E7 01-534 5544			
31.6	25.0	UnicornAmer	31.4	33.8	2.28
28.4	35.7	Aust Income	32.6	37.2	2.43
79.6	42.2	Do Accum	63.8	69.3	2.43
53.6	27.6	Unicorn Capital	54.2	58.0	4.32
71.0	30.2	Exempt*	71.0	74.0	6.21
21.0	11.1	Extra Income	21.0	22.3	8.12
50.9	22.4	Financial	49.8	53.8	3.97
49.3	28.4	Unicorn '500'	49.1	52.5	6.19
24.5	12.0	General	24.5	26.2	5.81
29.7	14.9	Growth Accum	29.1	31.5	4.37
58.7	30.0	Income	58.7	62.4	6.84
26.9	14.9	Recovery	26.9	28.8	5.66
86.2	44.7	Trustee	86.2	91.7	5.38
46.6	32.4	Worldwide	45.0	48.1	3.06
140.8	96.7	B'ust Inv Fnd	140.8	145.2	5.16
146.3	97.2	Do Accum	146.3	150.8	5.16
		Brandts Ltd.			
		36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
113.0	85.0	Brandts Cap (4)	98.0	105.0	2.17
133.0	91.0	Do Accum (4)	107.0	115.0	2.12
110.0	75.0	Brandts Inc (4)	108.5	116.5	7.53
		Bridge Talisman Fund Manager Ltd.			
		5-8 Mincing Lane, EC3. 01-623 4951			
188.0	78.0	B.T. Income (2)	172.0	184.0	8.32
28.3	16.0	Do Cap Inc (2)	25.5	27.1	2.06
28.3	16.0	Do Cap Acc (2)	28.2	27.9	2.06
89.0	51.0	Do Exempt (2)	89.0	95.0	5.26
20.6	9.3	Do Int Inc (3)	12.5	13.3	4.73
20.6	9.3	Do Int Acc	12.8	13.7	4.73
		The British Life.			
		Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
41.4	22.1	British Life	41.4	43.3	5.42
32.9	17.7	Balanced (2)	32.9	34.8	5.84
32.8	18.1	Cap Accum (2)	32.8	34.7	4.39
34.9	19.9	Dividend (2)	29.8	31.6	7.86
		Brown Shipley Unit Fund Managers.			
		Founder's Court, Lothbury, EC2. 01-600 8520			
160.7	105.1	Brn Ship Inc (1)	160.7	165.7	5.70
185.9	116.9	Do Accum (1)	185.9	190.8	5.70
		Canada Life Unit Trust Managers.			
		2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
29.6	15.9	Canlife Gen	29.6	31.1	4.10
33.3	17.1	Do Accum	33.3	35.1	4.10
26.7	17.7	Income Dist	26.7	28.1	7.66
30.4	19.1	Do Accum	30.4	32.1	7.66
		Capel (James) Management Ltd.			
		100 Old Broad St, EC2N 1BQ 01-588 6010			
59.8	48.5	Capital Fnd (22)	59.8	61.6	3.97
52.9	48.5	Income Fnd (22)	52.9	54.5	7.59
		Carliol Unit Fund Managers Ltd.			
		Milburn Hse, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 0632 21165			
61.7	34.5	Carliol (8)	52.4	54.9	3.53
67.7	37.4	Do Accum	59.0	61.5	3.53
25.8	24.9	Do High Yld	25.8	27.8	9.82
28.9	24.9	Do Accum	27.0	28.8	9.82
		Charities Official Investment.			
		77 London Wall, London, EC2. 01-588 1815			
116.5	59.3	Inc* (24)	105.7	..	6.93
180.5	79.6	Accum* (24)	180.6	..	6.04
		Charterhouse Japhet Unit Management Ltd.			
		1 Paternoster Row, London, EC4. 01-248 3999			
20.6	12.2	Int (3)	19.0	20.4	2.45
22.6	13.6	Accum (3)	21.2	22.8	2.45
31.0	20.2	Inc (3)	30.4	32.4	5.64
27.0	18.4	Euro Fin (3)	25.6	27.4	2.80
27.8	13.0	Fund Inv (3)	23.8	25.2	3.37
		Crescent Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		4 Melville Crescent, Edinburgh. 031-226 4931			
25.6	8.9	Growth Fnd	20.2	21.4	4.46
39.9	23.9	International	38.1	40.9	2.15
31.1	15.7	Reserves Fnd	30.2	32.6	4.30
37.0	18.0	High Dist	37.0	39.7	6.47
		Equitas Securities Ltd.			
		41 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-588 2851			
33.4	25.6	Progressive	50.6	53.4	3.82
		Equity & Law Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Amersham Rd, H Wycombe, Bucks. 0494 32815			
48.3	32.3	Equity & Law	48.8	51.2	4.97
		Framlington Unit Trust Management Ltd.			
		Framlington Hse, 5-7 Ireland Yd, EC4. 01-248 6971			
54.0	26.4	Capital	54.0	57.4	3.45
55.0	34.0	Income	55.0	58.4	6.87
		Friend's Provident Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		7 Leadenhall St, London, EC3. 01-626 4511			
30.2	12.9	Friends Prov	29.2	31.3	4.06
34.6	14.5	Do Accum	34.4	36.7	4.06
		Funds in Court.			
		Public Trustee, Kingsway, WC2. 01-405 4300			
85.0	46.0	Capital*	78.0	81.0	4.75
65.0	40.0	Gross Income*	66.0	68.0	7.73
72.0	43.0	High Yield*	70.0	73.0	8.85
		G and A Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
25.6	13.6	G & A	24.2	25.9	5.06
		G.T. Unit Managers Ltd.			
		16 St. Martin's-le-Grand, EC1. 01-600 9451 Ext 13			
83.8	36.0	GT Cap	56.4	60.0	3.00
71.6	38.8	Do Accum	64.2	68.3	3.00
103.2	74.2	Do Income	100.6	107.0	10.00
140.4	94.8	Do US Gen Fnd	123.9	131.2	1.00
180.5	94.6	Do Japan Gen	159.3	169.5	1.00
108.5	96.9	Do Pension Ex	108.5	113.9	3.00
		Gartmore Fund Managers.			
		2 St Mary Axe, EC3A 8BP. 01-283 3531			
34.7	22.7	Gartmore Brit	34.1	36.7	4.18
35.4	22.1	Do High Inc	35.4	38.1	10.85
28.3	19.8	Do Overseas	23.5	23.3	1.85
		Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Man Ltd.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-628 1031			
69.2	31.5	Guardhill	69.2	71.7	4.56
		Henderson Administration.			
		5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex. 0277 227300			
		11 Austin Friars, London, EC2N 2ED			
48.9	31.5	Aust Trst	37.5	39.5	3.48
85.3	38.3	Cabot	83.3	89.3	4.50
26.8	20.6	Cap Accum	25.8	27.5	5.26
38.1	25.7	European	34.5	37.0	4.68
43.6	20.2	Far East Trst	41.0	43.1	1.42
34.1	21.4	Financial ITU	34.3	36.0	3.40
127.5	80.5	Henderson Gr*	99.0	103.5	3.30
37.3	23.8	High Income	37.2	39.1	10.00
24.5	14.6	Inc & Assets	23.1	24.6	6.43
27.9	17.2	International	22.3	23.9	2.55
40.6	28.4	Nth American	34.5	36.4	4.06
34.4	19.6	Oil & Nat Res	22.9	24.7	4.40
83.0	44.3	World Wide	64.5	69.3	3.76
		Hill Samuel Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		45 Beech St, EC2 P2DX. 01-628 8011			
58.9	29.1	Dollar	57.4	61.4	2.11
30.8	19.8	International	30.0	32.1	3.00
123.4	32.6	Brit Trst	123.4	132.0	4.84
122.4	32.6	Brit Guernsey	122.4	132.0	5.14
23.3	9.2	Cap	23.3	24.5	3.20
82.0	36.3	Fin Trst	79.7	85.3	4.03
21.9	8.8	Inc Trst	21.9	23.5	6.26
22.1	18.4	High Yield	22.1	23.7	7.39
42.0	19.1	Secs Trst	42.0	45.0	4.95
		Jascot Securities Ltd.			
		21 Leven St, Edinburgh, EH3 9LH. 031-228 1421			
26.3	13.5	Compound (1)	22.0	23.6	9.81
27.3	14.1	Do Accum (1)	27.3	29.3	9.81
24.2	13.7	8½% Wdraw (1)	22.6	24.3	..
23.9	17.4	Preference	22.4	24.1	12.78
28.8	19.8	Do Accum	26.8	28.8	12.78
18.6	9.8	Cap (2)	16.6	17.8	..
26.2	11.1	Aust Comp Fnd	13.2	14.2	6.20
25.4	10.6	6% W'draw	11.5	12.3	6.20
25.7	14.8	Sector Ldrs (3)	19.9	21.3	4.22
16.4	8.5	Fin & Prop (3)	15.3	16.5	4.56
29.4	21.3	Int Growth (4)	25.3	27.2	2.45
23.6	13.1	Nth Sea (3)	18.8	20.2	3.38
37.3	23.5	Commodity (5)	37.1	39.9	7.43
48.1	28.8	Do Accum (5)	48.1	51.7	7.43
38.5	24.1	10¼% W'draw (5)	36.8	39.6	..
		Key Fund Managers.			
		25 Milk St, EC2V 8JE. 01-606 7070			
56.5	31.7	Cap Fund	50.3	53.6	4.06
50.1	30.5	Energy Ind Fnd	50.0	53.2	4.39
79.7	48.1	Exempt Fnd (36)	75.4	80.3	7.31
55.8	32.7	Inc Fnd	55.6	59.2	8.04
74.2	41.5	KPIF	58.7	62.2	4.23
		Lawson Securities.			
		63 George Street, Edinburgh. 031-226 3911			
34.0	16.8	American Fnd	19.8	21.6	0.36
34.0	16.6	Do Accum	19.8	21.6	0.36
28.8	21.4	Gilt&Warrant	27.2	29.2	3.40
40.8	23.3	High Yield Fnd	37.8	40.6	12.10
43.4	24.3	Do Accum	43.4	46.4	12.10
77.3	47.5	Scottish Inc	73.3	78.3	3.10
77.7	47.8	Do Accum	74.3	79.2	3.10
		Legal & General Tyndall Fund.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
48.4	23.6	Distribution (40)	44.8	47.4	4.98
51.0	26.3	Do Accum (40)	51.0	54.0	4.98
		Lloyds Bank Unit Trust Managers.			
		71 Lombard St, London, EC3 01-623 1288			
39.2	18.5	1st Income	39.2	42.1	4.47
49.4	22.6	Do Accum	49.4	53.1	4.47
42.6	26.7	2nd Income	42.5	45.7	3.60
49.7	23.9	Do Accum	49.4	53.1	3.60
63.0	32.5	3rd Income	63.0	67.7	6.58
76.8	37.9	Do Accum	76.8	82.5	6.58
		M & G Securities.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
132.1	76.7	M & G General	128.0	137.0	5.50
178.9	103.9	Do Accum	178.4	188.7	5.50
121.8	74.1	2nd Gen	118.7	127.7	5.34
163.1	95.5	Do Accum	158.5	168.0	5.34
96.6	52.0	Mid & Gen	95.1	100.8	7.34
139.4	72.1	Do Accum	138.6	146.9	7.24
82.9	38.8	Div Fnd	79.5	84.3	8.34
133.0	60.8	Do Accum	131.4	139.3	8.24
181.5	89.3	Special Trst	84.2	89.3	4.40
110.6	68.2	Do Accum	97.8	103.8	4.40
229.0	138.4	Magnum Fnd	168.8	175.1	4.43
282.7	148.2	Do Accum	193.7	203.4	4.43
50.2	24.9	FITS	48.5	51.4	3.69
53.9	29.5	Do Accum	54.6	57.9	3.69
75.0	48.9	Compound	70.3	74.5	2.81
124.2	77.0	Recovery	123.6	131.0	7.03
55.0	24.3	Extra Yield	54.7	58.0	9.84
63.4	28.3	Do Accum	63.0	66.8	9.84
108.9	68.9	Japan	99.2	105.7	1.11
52.8	36.4	Euro & Gen	46.1	49.7	3.89
35.9	18.5	American & Gen	32.5	34.6	2.28
56.1	26.8	Australasian	44.1	47.0	2.53
44.1	20.9	Far East Inc	31.9	34.0	4.09
44.1	21.2	Do Accum	32.8	34.9	4.09
102.3	53.3	Trustee Fnd	101.1	108.7	6.63
170.1	85.2	Do Accum	168.4	177.7	6.63
113.6	68.9	Charifund* (2)	113.6	115.4	7.44
97.1	32.5	Pension* (1)	93.0	98.1	5.71
33.6	19.3	NAACIF	29.2	..	12.67
31.6	47.0	Do Accum	31.6	..	12.67
47.3	30.6	M&GConv	41.2	43.7	2.37
52.9	32.4	Clyde Gen	51.2	54.3	5.89
58.6	38.1	Do Accum	58.1	62.0	5.89
62.4	33.0	Clyde High Inc	62.4	66.1	9.78
66.4	43.7	Do Accum	66.4	70.6	9.78
		Midland Bank Group Unit Trust Manager Ltd.			
		Courtwood Hse, Sheffield, S1 3RD. 0742 79842			
24.1	13.0	Capital	23.8	25.2	3.18
23.8	12.8	Do Accum	23.8	25.2	3.19
61.9	30.7	Commodity	44.3	47.5	6.91
48.3	48.4	Do Accum	45.2	48.4	6.91
32.3	17.4	Growth	32.3	34.2	2.70
33.3	30.8	Do Accum	33.3	34.2	2.70
35.8	22.4	Income	35.7	37.7	6.78
35.8	23.4	Do Accum	35.7	37.7	6.78
44.7	29.0	International	43.7	46.2	2.16
42.7	41.8	Do Accum	43.7	46.2	3.35
		National Provident Inv Managers Ltd.			
		48 Gracechurch Street, EC3. 01-623 4200			
40.8	20.7	NPI Accum (15)	39.8	42.4	4.43
36.7	19.1	Do Dist (15)	35.4	37.7	4.43
118.4	106.8	Do O'seas Acc	118.1	125.9	3.97
118.4	106.8	Do O'seas Dis	116.8	128.1	3.97
		National Westminster Unit Trust Managers.			
		41 Lothbury, London, EC2P 2BP. 01-607 6044			
53.9	30.5	Capital	53.9	57.5	3.83
29.6	14.5	Income	29.5	31.5	6.92
39.1	19.9	Financial	33.7	36.0	3.82
38.6	48.9	Growth	31.6	37.1	3.96
53.9	47.8	Extra Income	53.9	57.4	7.80
		New Court Fund Managers Ltd.			
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
144.0	119.0	Growth	128.0	134.0	3.40
118.5	77.4	Income Fund	116.0	123.3	7.05
59.3	30.9	International	28.8	31.2	3.38
103.3	76.9	Smaller Co's	103.3	109.8	4.37
		Norwich Union Insurance Group.			
		PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
210.1	95.4	Grp Tst Fnd (3)	218.1	230.6	5.88
		Oceanic Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		15 Great St Thomas Apostle EC4. 01-236 8201			
38.6	24.6	Financial	30.9	32.9	3.13
20.8	12.8	General	17.8	19.1	6.37
36.7	20.8	Growth Accum	31.4	33.3	3.52
38.3	18.9	Do Income	27.2	28.9	3.56
24.4	14.8	High Income	21.3	22.8	8.49
20.2	11.9	Investment	18.3	19.5	3.48
28.4	19.3	Overseas	19.9	21.1	3.05
44.0	27.9	Performance	44.0	46.9	4.84
20.6	13.3	Oceanic Index	20.0	21.3	4.10
21.1	12.3	Recovery	20.5	21.8	4.88
		Pearl Trust Managers Ltd.			
		252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441			
19.8	10.2	Growth	19.5	21.0	4.58
21.2	10.8	Do Accum	21.2	22.8	4.58
24.6	13.3	Income	24.6	26.5	6.48
28.9	18.1	Trust	28.9	31.1	4.48
33.7	17.8	Do Accum	33.7	36.3	4.48
		Pelican Unit Administration.			
		81 Fountain Street, Manchester. 061-236 5685			
55.4	30.3	Pelican	55.0	57.7	5.59
		Perpetual Unit Trust Management.			
		48 Hart St, Henley on Thames. 04912 6868			
94.5	45.5	Perpetual Grth	91.8	98.0	4.20
		Piccadilly Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		1 Love Lane, London, EC2. 01-606 8744			
31.0	21.7	Inc & Growth	25.4	27.4	4.10
33.8	20.8	Extra Inc	28.5	30.4	10.50
		Portfolio Fund Managers Ltd.			
		14 Charterhouse Sq, London, EC1 01-251 0544			
68.3	27.5	Portfolio Cap	35.8	39.3	5.09
72.9	32.2	Grwth With Inc	49.7	54.8	6.28
41.6	16.3	Private Port	28.1	30.8	4.37
89.2	33.7	Stanley Port	58.6	63.7	2.93
		Practical Investment Co Ltd.			
		Europa Hse, World Tr Centre, E1. 01-623 8893			
118.1	80.1	Practical Inc	117.3	126.9	3.66
154.0	76.6	Do Accum (3)	154.0	166.6	3.66
		Provincial Life Investment Co Ltd.			
		222 Bishopsgate, EC2. 01-247 6533			
62.6	39.0	Prolific	59.1	64.3	3.78
72.1	40.1	Do High Inc	71.3	76.4	7.90
		Prudential Unit Trust Managers.			
		Holborn Bars, London, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
92.0	40.5	Prudential	92.0	97.5	4.38
		Reliance Unit Managers Ltd.			
		Reliance Hse, Mt Ephraim, Tun Wells. 0892 22271			
40.9	23.6	Opp Accum (2)	40.9	43.3	4.83
		Save & Prosper Group.			
		4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-588 1717			
		Dealings to 01-554 8899			
		Erskine Hse, 68-73 Queen St, Edinburgh EH2 4NX. 031-226 7351.			
		Ebor Securities.			
54.7	34.8	Universal Grwth	52.6	56.3	2.98
49.4	22.7	Capital Accum	49.4	52.9	4.48
43.9	22.0	General	43.0	46.0	4.72
46.7	21.9	High Return	46.7	50.0	7.43
82.2	41.0	Commodity	80.3	84.5	4.95
54.1	21.5	Energy	50.9	54.4	1.68
43.8	20.5	Financial	41.3	44.3	4.09
42.7	27.7	Prop & Build	42.0	45.0	3.42
88.8	44.1	Select Growth (9)	85.6	89.2	2.82
82.5	37.6	Select Inc (9)	82.5	86.2	8.83
187.6	133.5	Comm Pen (3)	168.8	180.4	6.46
		Save & Prosper Securities Ltd.			
29.8	17.1	Capital	27.7	29.7	2.85
64.3	36.8	Financial Secs	57.5	61.5	2.67
21.4	10.9	Investment	21.1	22.6	3.66
76.0	52.9	Euro Growth‡	73.5	78.7	1.47
69.7	42.3	Japan Growth‡	66.7	71.4	0.28
72.6	43.7	US Growth‡	67.5	72.2	0.81
34.8	18.2	General	34.8	37.3	4.69
42.7	22.7	High Yield	42.6	45.6	6.93
35.5	19.2	Income	35.4	37.9	7.95
		Scotbits Securities Ltd.			
42.3	28.1	Scotbits	34.2	36.6	3.82
41.1	21.6	Scotyields	41.1	44.0	6.35
43.8	24.6	Scotgrowth	41.7	44.6	4.72
43.4	22.2	Scotshares	38.9	41.7	5.06
219.0	133.5	Scotfunds	204.7	213.5	2.78
42.4	20.4	Scotincome	42.4	44.7	8.73
		Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Ltd.			
		120 Cheapside, London, EC2. 01-248 3252			
83.8	46.1	Capital (18)	76.1	78.6	3.05
90.1	44.8	Do Accum	87.1	90.2	3.05
120.1	55.2	Income (18)	120.1	124.4	7.32
154.4	69.3	Do Accum	154.4	160.0	7.32
53.6	24.0	General (3)	53.8	55.8	3.80
61.6	26.5	Do Accum	61.5	64.3	3.80
42.6	27.0	Europe (18)	32.0	34.8	2.92
43.8	28.0	Do Accum	33.6	35.7	2.92
		Scottish Equitable Fund Managers Ltd.			
		28 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9101			
40.7	25.0	Equitable (2)	40.7	43.3	5.50
		Slater Walker Trust Management Ltd.			
		3 Lon Wall Bldgs, EC2M 5QL. 01-638 0478/9			
56.6	27.4	Assets	55.2	59.4	5.89
56.5	44.2	Bank Ins & Fin	55.2	59.4	3.35
24.5	15.7	Brit High Inc	22.0	23.6	12.59
38.0	23.3	Capital Accum	36.5	39.3	3.53
40.0	21.3	Capital Grwth	27.5	29.5	5.36
41.6	25.6	Century	38.5	41.4	4.59
51.5	16.4	City of London	34.2	36.7	4.39
41.0	26.3	Comm Cons	34.8	37.5	3.98
68.1	40.1	Commodity	54.2	58.2	5.83
43.4	25.7	Consolidated	40.6	43.7	4.30
35.4	19.9	Domestic	30.4	32.7	5.57
74.7	63.4	Exempt	73.0	76.6	8.80
41.0	19.2	Extra Income	27.4	29.4	10.35
21.2	18.8	Far East Fnd	18.3	19.8	3.50
38.7	29.9	Financial	32.4	34.9	3.63
60.9	34.9	Gas Ind Power	47.0	50.6	3.85
33.1	18.9	General Fund	25.7	27.6	5.33
59.4	36.3	Global Growth	47.6	51.1	2.93
171.8	87.2	Gold & General	92.5	99.4	5.26
62.5	35.7	Growth	57.5	61.9	4.74
55.8	24.7	High Income	55.3	59.5	7.42
43.8	28.0	Hundred Secs	43.8	47.1	5.34
47.6	27.6	Income Units	42.6	45.7	8.45
27.8	18.2	Int Consumer	20.4	21.9	3.46
39.0	21.7	Inv Tst Shares	36.8	39.6	4.76
29.7	15.3	Invest Tst Units	23.2	24.9	3.97
31.7	18.2	Investors Gen	28.3	30.7	5.70
79.3	28.3	Do 2nd Gen	47.1	50.7	4.63
115.0	32.7	Minerals Tst	52.4	56.4	3.67
68.2	41.4	Nat High Inc	60.6	65.2	7.92
[illegible]	51.8	Natural Res	51.4	55.3	3.33
27.5	20.2	New Issue	26.0	27.9	5.55
38.0	24.4	North American	25.4	27.4	2.87
47.7	29.4	Plant & Gen	37.2	39.9	6.62
434.5	259.1	Professional	370.7	382.2	4.22
15.7	8.9	Property Shares	9.8	10.5	3.92
110.2	74.8	Provident Inv	97.7	102.9	4.33
58.3	39.1	Scot Trust	49.8	53.6	5.07
59.8	38.6	Security First	58.2	62.6	5.46
65.5	38.3	Shamrock	43.9	47.3	5.11
42.5	29.7	Shield	40.1	43.2	5.11
21.3	13.8	Status Change	19.1	20.6	6.50
144.7	82.3	Unit 'D'	142.1	152.7	4.00
97.9	54.9	Universal 2nd	89.5	96.3	5.85
		Stewart Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		45 Charlotte St, Edinburgh. 031-226 3271			
66.6	26.2	American Fnd	43.4	46.9	2.75
101.1	53.7	Brit Cap Fnd	93.7	101.7	3.45
		Sun Alliance Management Ltd.			
		Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex. 0403 64141			
132.5	106.0	Exempt Eq Tst	132.5	138.6	4.79
		72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
74.3	46.9	Family Fund	69.9	71.1	2.97
		Target Trust Managers Ltd.			
		Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
28.4	15.1	Commodity	25.7	27.5	5.45
53.8	31.4	Financial	51.6	55.2	4.03
34.4	18.5	Equity	32.0	34.2	5.50
147.5	81.5	Exempt	147.5	152.9	6.02
178.2	94.4	Do Accum (3)	176.2	182.6	6.02
27.4	15.4	Growth	23.9	25.6	4.15
26.8	17.7	International	25.7	27.5	3.61
37.3	18.0	Do Re-invest	25.8	28.0	3.61
25.2	12.0	Investment	24.3	26.1	3.11
128.0	72.0	Professional (3)	117.8	122.1	5.38
19.5	11.0	Income	19.5	21.0	10.00
13.2	9.8	Preference	11.7	12.6	13.69
		Target Trust Managers (Scotland) Ltd.			
		19 Athol Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. 031-229 8621			
25.2	14.6	Eagle	23.8	25.5	3.26
30.7	16.8	Thistle	30.5	32.7	6.40
44.6	27.9	Claymore Fnd	43.2	46.0	9.14
		TSB Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		21 Chantry Way, Andover, Hants. Andover 62188			
30.1	15.6	General	27.7	29.6	3.90
35.9	17.8	Do Accum	[illegible]	40.4	3.90
58.4	35.9	Scottish	58.8	61.9	3.19
59.5	45.9	Do Accum	59.5	62.7	3.19
		Transatlantic & General Securities.			
		99 New London Rd, Chelmsford. 0245 51651			
68.9	31.3	Barbican (4)	61.0	64.9	5.82
84.0	41.0	Do Accum	83.7	89.0	5.82
160.6	100.0	Barrington Fnd	160.6	166.2	5.03
162.6	100.0	Do Accum	162.9	170.3	5.03
114.7	109.5	High Yield	114.7	120.2	10.02
109.5	105.5	Do Accum	109.2	114.4	20.44
73.5	44.7	Buckingham (4)	73.5	77.0	4.59
82.6	49.2	Do Accum	82.6	86.5	4.59
101.6	49.4	Colemco	101.6	106.9	4.82
111.7	52.4	Do Accum	111.7	117.5	4.82
143.6	97.4	Endeavour	133.6	142.0	3.73
45.9	28.3	Glen Fund (3)	39.7	42.2	3.88
52.8	29.3	Do Accum	46.8	50.4	3.88
87.3	47.8	G'chester (5)	84.5	88.5	3.17
88.3	64.0	Ldn & Brus'ls	74.2	77.6	5.47
49.4	31.1	Marlborough	49.4	51.8	3.47
53.2	32.6	Do Accum	53.1	55.7	3.47
59.0	36.8	Merlin (1)	58.3	61.4	3.53
65.6	39.4	Do Accum	65.6	69.1	3.53
43.9	33.5	Merlin Yield	41.8	44.0	8.86
48.2	28.4	Do Accum	48.2	50.7	8.86
38.7	19.9	Vang Growth (2)	35.8	37.5	3.96
43.3	22.4	Do Accum	41.4	43.4	3.96
54.2	49.3	Vang High Yield	54.2	57.0	8.26
45.5	30.0	Wickmoor	49.5	52.6	5.52
63.9	32.4	Do Accum	53.9	57.3	5.52
		Trident Funds.			
		(Schlesinger Trust Managers Ltd.)			
		140 South St, Dorking. 0306 86441			
22.0	16.7	UK Growth Fnd	15.9	17.3	4.61
39.0	21.9	Income Fund	34.6	36.8	10.04
33.5	18.4	10% Withdrwl	28.6	30.4	..
51.9	33.7	Int Growth	45.6	48.5	3.58
29.2	21.2	Amer Growth	27.2	28.9	..
25.3	25.8	"Hil Yield Fnd"	28.3	28.9	..
		Tyndall Managers Ltd.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
84.4	43.2	Income (3)	84.4	88.8	6.45
133.0	65.8	Do Accum (3)	133.2	140.0	6.45
101.8	52.8	Capital (3)	92.8	97.6	4.16
122.6	66.4	Do Accum (3)	120.0	126.0	4.16
92.8	34.6	Canynge Fnd (3)	71.8	75.4	4.50
103.4	38.4	Do Accum (3)	82.0	86.2	4.50
89.6	43.0	Exempt* (40)	81.6	85.8	4.68
103.4	51.8	Do Accum (40)	101.0	106.2	4.68
194.6	100.2	Int Earn Fnd (3)	192.0	201.6	4.83
197.4	100.2	Do Accum (3)	197.2	207.2	4.83
		Tyndall National & Commercial.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
114.0	66.4	Income	111.6	116.8	6.10
139.6	80.0	Do Accum	138.6	145.0	6.10
102.8	52.4	Capital	91.2	95.4	4.14
113.2	58.8	Do Accum	104.4	109.2	4.14
		Unit Trust Account & Management.			
		5-6 Mincing Lane, EC3M. 01-623 4951			
105.0	62.0	Friars Hse Fnd	105.0	111.0	6.45
26.1	11.8	Gt Winchester	18.2	19.8	6.50
23.9	8.7	Do Overseas	16.4	17.5	6.20
		Insurance Bonds and Funds			
		Abbey Life Assurance Co. Ltd.			
		1-3 St. Pauls Churchyard, EC4P 4DX 01-248 9111			
37.9	15.6	Equity Fund (3)	28.5	30.0	..
28.4	12.2	Do Accum (3)	22.8	24.1	..
156.5	94.4	Prop Fund (27)	113.2	119.2	..
141.0	89.2	Do Accum (27)	110.7	116.6	..
71.1	31.8	Select Fund (3)	64.8	68.3	..
109.2	100.0	Conv Fund	109.2	115.0	..
103.4	100.0	Money Fund	103.4	108.9	..
145.4	94.2	Pension Prop (27)	113.0	119.0	..
42.2	27.3	Do Select (3)	39.6	..	..
106.9	100.0	Do Security	105.0	110.6	..
120.2	100.0	Do Managed	120.2	126.6	..
		Albany Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		31 Old Burlington Street, W1. 01-437 5962			
96.5	100.0	Guar Mon Fnd	96.5	101.6	..
98.6	100.0	Do Accum	98.6	103.8	..
127.4	100.0	Equity Fnd	123.5	130.0	..
125.5	100.0	Do Accum	126.8	133.4	..
107.5	98.6	Property Fnd	96.2	102.3	..
97.3	100.0	Do Accum	97.3	102.4	..
98.3	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	97.3	102.4	..
99.3	100.0	Do Accum	99.3	104.5	..
117.1	100.0	Mult Inv Fnd	114.9	121.0	..
117.6	100.0	Do Accum	117.3	123.5	..
98.7	100.0	Guar Mon Pen	98.7	103.8	..
101.1	100.0	Do Accum	101.1	106.4	..
97.7	100.0	Property Pen	97.7	102.8	..
100.1	100.0	Do Accum	100.1	105.3	..
100.7	100.0	Fixed Int Pen	100.7	106.0	..
103.1	100.0	Do Accum	103.1	108.5	..
122.3	100.0	Mult Inv Pen	120.7	127.1	..
123.6	100.0	Do Accum	123.6	130.1	..
		AMEV Life Assurance Ltd.			
		Alma Hse, Alma Rd, Reigate. RH2 0AX. 74 40101			
112.4	100.0	Triad Man Bond	112.4	[illegible]	..
95.0	100.0	Do 'B'	95.0	100.0	..
		Barclays Life Assurance Co.			
		Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, E7. 01-535 1211			
88.5	86.0	Barclaybonds	88.5	93.3	..
		Beehive Life Assurance.			
		71 Lombard St, London, EC3 P3BS 01-623 1288			
100.2	100.0	Black Horse Bnd	..	100.2	..
		Canada Life Assurance			
		2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts. P Bar 51122			
46.4	24.9	Equity Grwth	44.2	..	..
104.3	53.5	Retirement	93.7	..	..
		Cannon Assurance Ltd.			
		1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
12.24	7.38	Equity Units £	12.18	..	..
115.0	67.0	Do Accum	114.0	..	..
77.0	48.0	Do Annuity	76.0	..	..
969.0	714.0	Prop Units	754.0	..	..
962.0	736.0	Do Accum	859.0	..	..
9.78	7.94	Exec Bal £	9.72	..	..
8.29	5.06	Exec Equity £	8.22	..	..
11.35	9.39	Exec Prop £	10.00	..	..
9.95	8.40	Bal Bond £	9.76	10.33	..
8.29	5.35	Equity Bond £	8.22	8.70	..
11.35	7.76	Prop Bond £	10.08	10.58	..
[illegible]	7.94	Bal Units £	9.75	..	..
95.6	100.0	Deposit Bnd	95.6	101.2	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Society.			
		6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 6944			
		Valuation last working day of month.			
77.9	64.8	1st Units	77.9	81.7	..
50.9	45.8	Prop Units	47.2	49.5	..
		City of Westminster Assurance Co.			
		6 Whitehorse Rd, Croydon, CR0 2JA. 01-684 6944			
		Valuation last working day of month.			
46.1	41.5	W'minster Units	44.5	46.7	..
68.2	57.2	Land Bank	59.2	..	..
44.5	33.1	Speculator	34.2	..	..
156.0	131.0	Prop Annuity	136.2	138.9	..
106.1	100.0	Inv Option Bnd	105.1	110.6	..
38.4	30.1	Equity Fnd	35.1	36.9	..
		2nd Managed Fund.			
126.8	46.9	Performance	125.8	..	..
122.6	113.2	Balanced	123.0	129.4	..
100.0	100.0	Guarantee	100.0	..	..
		Commercial Union Group.			
		St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 01-283 7500			
35.9	18.4	Variable An Acc	35.8	..	..
18.6	10.2	Do Annuity	13.0	..	..
		Cornhill Insurance.			
		32 Cornhill, London, EC3. 01-626 5410			
		Valuation 15th of month.			
110.0	63.5	Capital Fnd	95.5	..	..
46.5	25.0	GS Special	37.0	..	..
119.6	86.0	Man Growth (23)	119.0	125.5	..
		Crown Life Fund Insurance Co.			
		Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4300			
116.8	91.3	Crown Brit Inv	116.8	..	..
		Crusader Insurance.			
		Bowring Bldgs, Tower Place, EC3. 01-626 8031			
		Valuation 1st Tuesday of month.			
61.3	50.8	Crusader Prop	54.2	60.3	..
		Eagle Star Insurance/Midland Assurance.			
		PO Box 173, NLA Tower, Croydon. 01-681 1031			
40.7	23.7	Eagle Units	38.4	39.8	6.52
40.7	23.8	Midland Units	38.4	39.8	6.52
		Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group.			
		Royal Exchange, London, EC3. 01-283 7107			
168.4	131.9	Property Bond	131.9	137.3	..
123.6	89.9	Pen Man Bonds	107.9	113.6	..
		Hambro Life Assurance.			
		7 Old Park Lane, London, W1. 01-499 0031			
112.4	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	108.9	114.8	..
124.8	75.2	Equity	124.8	131.4	..
134.7	106.3	Property	120.1	126.5	..
108.6	73.1	Managed Cap	108.6	114.4	..
123.3	[illegible]	Do Accum	123.3	129.8	..
153.5	134.0	Pen Prop Cap	140.4	148.1	..
163.4	131.9	Do Accum	155.4	163.7	..
146.9	111.2	Pen Man Cap	146.0	153.8	..
174.0	137.8	Do Accum	174.0	183.2	..
113.5	100.0	Pen FI Cap	110.5	116.5	..
119.3	100.0	Do Accum	117.1	124.0	..
		Hearts of Oak Benefit Society.			
		Euston Rd, London, NW1. 01-387 5020			
35.2	29.6	Property Bond	30.7	32.5	..
		Hill Samuel Life Assurance Ltd.			
		NLA Twr, Addiscombe Rd, Croydon. 01-686 4355			
159.5	121.8	HS Prop Units	123.0	129.5	..
124.4	76.4	Fortune Man (5)	124.0	130.6	..
104.4	100.0	Money Fnd	104.4	110.0	..
		Hodge Life Assurance Co Ltd.			
		114/116 St Mary St, Cardiff. 42577			
48.9	27.3	Hodge Bonds	47.2	49.7	..
56.2	48.0	Takeover	55.9	58.9	..
23.7	25.0	Hodge Life Eq	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Mortgage Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Conv High Yld	23.7	25.0	..
23.7	25.0	Overseas Fnd	23.7	25.0	..
		Imperial Life Assurance Co of Canada			
		Imperial Life Hse, London Rd, Guildford. 71255			
48.6	34.2	Growth Fnd (5)	48.4	52.6	..
42.6	30.8	Pension Fnd	42.6	46.4	..
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd.			
		45 South St, Eastbourne, BN21 4UT. 0323 36711			
102.0	68.0	Equities	97.9	103.1	..
119.9	105.6	Fixed Int	118.2	124.5	..
114.4	95.4	Managed	112.9	118.9	..
105.5	105.2	Property	105.5	111.1	..
109.9	100.0	MoneyFund	102.5	107.9	..
118.6	99.2	King & Shaxson	108.1	108.4	..
100.5	93.7	Do Gov Sec Bd	89.7	94.5	..
104.6	79.0	Commodity	79.1	83.4	..
100.8	92.0	Growth	98.7	103.0	..
108.6	86.4	Capital	104.1	109.6	..
100.4	87.1	Income	99.0	104.2	..
120.5	100.0	International	116.9	123.1	..
		Investment Annuity Life Assurance.			
		9 Devereux Court, London, WC2. 01-353 5897			
107.6	59.5	Lion Equity	88.5	..	..
113.3	78.9	Do Accum	107.6	..	..
63.2	48.2	Lion Man Grwth	53.1	56.1	..
61.8	43.4	Do Cap	45.7	48.3	..
73.6	62.5	Lion Prop Fnd	68.2	..	..
78.1	46.1	Lion High Yield	60.7	..	..
116.1	81.8	Do Equity Pen	116.1	..	..
78.8	54.7	Do Prop Pen	62.2	..	..
71.9	52.9	Do H Yld Pen	71.9	..	..
		Irish Life Assurance.			
		11 Finsbury Sq, London, EC2. 01-628 8253			
157.9	138.9	Prop Modules	131.1	138.0	5.70
137.7	137.9	Do Grwth (31)	133.3	140.3	5.70
138.0	100.0	Managed Fnd	138.0	145.3	..
57.3	32.3	Blue Chip Fnd	57.2	60.2	4.40
		Langham Life Assurance.			
		Migdal Hse, Finsbury Sq, EC2. 01-628 8881			
138.6	105.6	Property Bond	107.4	113.0	..
30.9	22.3	Spec Prop Fnd	22.2	23.4	..
84.2	40.6	Midas Bond (34)	38.7	40.7	..
34.2	38.5	Capital Accum	38.7	..	..
58.4	52.5	WISP (SpecMan)	58.4	61.5	..
		Life & Equity Assurance Co Ltd.			
		1 Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB. 01-902 8876			
29.5	21.5	Secure Res	29.0	31.5	..
30.5	18.0	Select Inv	26.0	28.0	..
23.0	18.0	Do 2nd	19.5	21.0	..
25.0	19.5	Gilt Fnd	23.0	24.5	..
24.0	15.5	Equity Fnd	19.0	20.5	..
102.5	100.0	Deposit Fnd	102.5	108.5	..
		Lloyds Life Assurance Ltd.			
		12 Leadenhall St, EC3M 7LS. 01-623 6621			
138.6	100.9	Mult Grwth Fnd	..	137.6	..
98.6	69.3	Opt 5 Equity	92.5	97.4	..
105.1	100.0	Do Property	105.7	111.3	..
108.5	94.7	Do High Yield	112.3	118.3	..
108.2	99.9	Do Managed	108.2	113.9	..
104.3	100.0	Do Deposit	104.3	109.8	..
112.2	100.0	Pen Dep Fnd	112.2	118.2	..
183.7	143.8	Do Equity Fnd	183.7	193.4	..
123.1	100.0	Do FI Fnd	122.6	129.1	..
132.3	100.0	Do Man Fnd	131.3	139.3	..
108.4	100.0	Do Prop Fnd	108.4	114.4	..
		Manufacturers Life Insurance.			
		Manulife Hse, Stevenage, Herts. 0438 56101			
30.8	17.2	Manulife (5)	30.7	32.2	..
		Merchant Investors Assurance.			
		125 High Street, Croydon. 01-686 9171			
112.3	102.7	Conv Dep Bnd	112.3	..	..
111.3	100.0	Do Pension	111.3	..	..
73.8	38.8	Equity Bond	47.6	..	..
142.3	91.1	Do Pension	138.2	..	..
113.3	79.9	Managed Bond	80.5	..	..
100.3	89.2	Do Pension	93.3	..	..
118.7	101.2	Money Market	110.4	..	..
126.0	100.0	Do Pension	129.5	..	..
150.8	97.6	Property Bond	108.6	..	..
145.1	94.1	Do Pension	107.1	..	..
		M & G Assurance.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
97.6	59.6	Equity Bond (4)	90.8	95.2	..
77.0	41.6	Do Bonus	59.8	62.9	..
83.5	49.4	Int'l Bnd (4)	71.5	75.1	..
111.1	66.9	Fam Bnd 1976	117.1	..	..
103.8	86.9	Do 1977-80	94.3	..	..
120.2	70.7	Do 1981/86	120.2	..	..
97.9	67.5	Managed Bonds	97.1	102.1	..
43.6	29.4	Mirror Bonds	43.2	..	..
129.8	34.7	Pers Pen (5)	127.2	131.0	..
139.9	109.4	Prop Fnd (4)	110.9	116.5	..
		Norwich Union Insurance Group.			
		PO Box 4, Norwich, NR1 3NG. 0603 22200			
134.1	99.7	Norwich Man (3)	134.1	141.2	..
204.2	98.1	Do Equity (3)	204.2	214.9	..
100.3	100.0	Do Prop (3)	99.0	104.2	..
106.0	99.0	Do Fix Int (3)	98.8	104.0	..
128.5	54.3	Do Units (36)	128.5	..	..
		Pearl Assurance (Unit Funds) Ltd.			
		252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441			
105.6	96.8	Prop Units	93.4	100.3	..
		Phoenix Assurance.			
		4-5 King William St, EC4. 01-626 9876			
85.3	58.9	Wealth Assured	85.2	89.8	..
54.1	35.5	Ebor Phx Ass (31)	54.1	..	..
53.6	39.0	Ebor Phx Eq (32)	53.6	56.2	..
		Property Equity & Life Ass Co.			
		119 Crawford St, London, W1. 01-486 0857			
178.2	142.7	R Silk Prop Bnd	147.3	..	..
115.0	69.6	Do Bal Ag Bnd	[illegible]	..	..
100.3	95.8	Do Series (2)	98.8	..	..
93.1	58.1	Do Managed	68.7	..	..
[illegible]	65.2	Do Equity Bnd	65.5	..	..
115.9	100.0	Do Flex Mny	115.0	..	..
		Property Growth Assurance.			
		111 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7JP. 01-928 0381			
176.0	141.5	Prop Growth (29)	150.5	..	..
761.0	460.0	AG Bond (29)	474.0	..	..
136.5	125.5	Abb Nat PG (29)	131.0	..	..
54.9	48.6	Shenley Inv (29)	54.9	..	..
137.0	100.0	Equity Fnd	126.8	..	..
121.0	100.0	Money Fnd	115.0	..	..
139.0	117.0	Ret Annuity (29)	133.0	..	..
126.0	103.5	Immed Ann (33)	114.5	..	..
		Atlantic Assurance			
108.7	90.0	All-Weather Ac	101.5	106.6	..
107.2	88.5	Do Capital	99.4	104.7	..
113.8	97.0	Investment Fnd	113.8	..	..
109.0	88.0	Pension Fnd	102.0	..	..
107.7	102.4	Conv Pen Fnd	..	107.7	..
107.7	107.7	Do Pen Cap	..	107.7	..
108.1	102.4	Man Pen Fnd	..	108.1	..
108.1	108.1	Do Pen Cap	..	108.1	..
108.0	102.4	Prop Pen Fnd	..	108.0	..
108.0	108.0	Do Pen Cap	..	108.0	..
100.0	100.0	Bldg Soc Pen	..	100.0	..
100.0	100.0	Do Capital	..	100.0	..
		Prudential Pensions Ltd.			
		Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH. 01-405 9222			
[illegible]	8.37	Equity £	15.32	15.79	..
12.33	10.01	Fixed Int £	11.83	12.07	..
		Reliance Mutual Insurance Society Ltd.			
		Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 0892 22271			
170.1	136.6	Rel Prop Bnd	151.1	..	..
		Save & Prosper Group.			
		4 Great St Helen's, EC3P 3EP. 01-554 8899			
96.1	79.5	Balanced Bnd	96.0	101.6	..
112.1	85.7	Equity Bnd	91.5	96.9	..
22.9	13.6	Mini Bond (4)	21.4	22.7	..
124.3	100.5	Prop Fnd (30)	114.3	121.0	..
		Schroder Life Group.			
		Enterprise Hse, Portsmouth. 0705 27733			
99.3	100.0	Deposit Bnd (5)	99.3	104.6	..
105.4	100.0	Fixed Interest	103.1	108.6	..
96.0	63.6	Flexible Fnd	96.2	101.4	..
155.1	87.1	Equity Fnd	147.5	..	..
159.0	50.6	Do 2nd Ser	158.0	166.4	..
143.0	100.0	PenFndCap	143.0	150.6	..
154.5	100.0	PenFndAccum	154.5	162.7	..
112.3	100.0	Prop Fnd (3)	107.1	112.8	..
		Scottish Widows Fund & Life Assurance.			
		9 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031-225 1291			
233.4	165.7	Inv Policy	233.4	302.2	..
		Slater Walker Insurance Co Ltd.			
		80 Uxbridge Rd, W12. 01-749 9111			
75.0	58.0	Sel Market Fnd	74.3	78.7	..
47.6	47.5	Do Capital	47.2	50.2	..
		Standard Life Assurance Co.			
		PO Box 62, 3 George St, Edinburgh. 031-225 7971			
91.9	41.8	Unit Endowm't	91.0	..	..
		Sun Life of Canada (UK) Ltd.			
		2-4 Cockspur St, SW1. 01-930 5400			
143.2	70.7	Maple Leaf (3)	143.2	..	..
132.4	102.8	Personal Pens	132.4	..	..
		Target Life Assurance.			
		Target Hse, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 5941			
100.4	100.0	Deposit Inc	97.0	102.2	..
107.4	95.2	Fixed Interest	95.4	100.9	..
95.5	80.2	Man Fnd Acc	95.5	101.1	..
93.1	80.6	Do Income	86.0	91.0	..
130.0	88.0	Prop Fnd Inv	91.0	..	..
96.0	93.2	Do Income	91.6	97.3	..
143.0	99.0	Do Accum	105.0	..	..
53.2	30.7	Ret Ann Pen Cap	50.6	54.4	..
57.5	32.9	Do Accum	56.1	60.3	..
95.0	100.0	Ret Plan Acc	95.0	100.0	..
95.0	100.0	Do Do Cap	95.0	100.0	..
		Trident Life.			
		Renslade Hse, Gloucester. 0452 36541			
107.2	81.0	Trident Man	104.8	110.5	..
120.1	83.5	Do Guar Man	114.4	120.5	..
109.8	102.0	Do Property	109.9	115.8	..
90.0	58.3	Do Equity	80.5	84.8	..
112.2	89.9	Do High Yield	111.1	117.1	..
104.9	100.0	Do Money	104.9	110.6	..
106.5	100.0	DoFiscalFnd	106.0	112.5	..
112.0	28.5	Do Bonds	40.5	43.5	..
93.50	83.10	Gilt Edged (f)	89.40	..	..
		Tyndall Assurance.			
		18 Canynge Rd, Bristol. 0272 32241			
145.4	79.4	Prop Fnd (40)	82.0	..	..
125.8	75.4	3 Way Fnd (40)	93.4	..	..
		Vanbrugh Life Assurance Ltd.			
		41-43 Maddox St, London, W1R 9LA. 01-499 4923			
115.2	75.8	Equity Fnd	151.4	159.4	..
115.3	100.0	Fixed Int Fnd	113.3	119.3	..
107.6	100.0	Property Fnd	107.6	113.3	..
102.4	93.6	Cash Fund	102.4	107.8	..
105.9	72.9	Managed Fnd	105.4	111.0	..
		Welfare Insurance.			
		The Leas, Folkestone, Kent. 0303 57333			
145.8	100.0	Capital Grwth	145.6	..	..
94.4	71.7	Flexible Fnd	76.9	..	..
100.8	81.5	Inv Fnd	100.8	..	..
131.9	69.3	Prop Fnd	68.5	..	..
98.7	71.4	Money Maker	72.9	..	..
		Offshore and International Funds			
		Abacus Arbuthnot (C.I.) Ltd.			
		1 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0534 25561			
95.0	55.7	Capital Trust	95.0	99.0	1.80
95.5	99.6	Eastern Int	93.0	100.0	..
		Barbican Managers (Jersey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 63, St Helier, Jersey, C.I. 0534 37806			
106.3	60.3	Europ'n Ser Tst	101.3	107.2	4.10
		Barclay Unicorn International (Ch Is) Ltd.			
		Church St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37806			
44.9	31.7	Jer Guer O'seas	44.1	46.4	12.86
10.0	9.9	Unidollar Tst $	9.6	10.1	5.00
		Barclays Unicorn International (I.O.M.) Ltd.			
		30 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M. 0624 4856			
46.7	34.8	Aust Ext Tst	46.8	49.5	3.80
25.2	13.0	Aust Min Tst	25.2	27.0	2.20
50.4	40.0	Isle Of Man Tst	47.1	49.6	9.30
43.0	16.7	Manx Mutual	22.8	24.6	2.00
		Brandts & Grindlay (Jersey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 80, Broad St, St Helier.			
149.0	78.0	Brandt Jersey	114.0	123.0	5.80
159.0	88.0	Do Accum	140.0	149.0	4.69
		Brandts Ltd.			
		36 Fenchurch St, London, EC3. 01-626 6599			
70.84	53.23	O'seas Fnd $	66.81	..	..
		Calvin Bullock Ltd.			
		80 Bishopsgate, London, EC2. 01-283 5433			
828.0	535.0	Bullock Fnd	810.0	914.0	1.89
633.0	318.0	Canadian Fnd	596.0	677.0	1.83
301.0	238.0	Canadian Inv	298.0	340.0	2.15
209.0	140.0	Div Shares	206.0	235.8	2.05
734.0	498.0	Ny Venture Fnd	721.0	814.0	1.46
		Charterhouse Japhet.			
		1 Paternoster Row, EC4. 01-248 3999			
31.90	24.30	Adiropa DM	30.30	31.90	7.21
54.50	29.20	Adiverba DM	50.80	53.50	6.54
33.50	25.50	Fondak DM	32.00	33.70	6.52
25.10	18.90	Fondis DM	23.40	24.70	7.29
69.29	56.60	Hispano $	58.62	61.55	1.98
		Cornhill Insurance (Guernsey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 157, St Julians Ct, St Peters, Guernsey			
151.0	90.0	Int Cap Man (20)	139.0	151.5	..
		Ebor Management (Jersey).			
		37 Broad St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 20591			
194.4	113.5	Channel Cap	192.7	202.8	2.04
102.6	64.6	Channel Isles	102.5	107.9	3.41
		Eurosyndical Group.			
		Agents: N. M. Rothschild and Sons,			
		New Ct, St Swithin's Lane, EC4. 01-626 4356			
1,788	1,382	Eurunion Luxfr	1,755	1,825	4.93
539.0	253.0	Fin Union Luxfr	323.0	336.0	5.36
		First General Unit Managers.			
		91 Pembroke Rd, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. 680089			
50.3	34.2	Bnk 1 1st Gen (3)	49.7	53.5	4.85
116.4	100.3	Do Gilt (3)	109.4	113.0	10.18
		Hambros (Guernsey) Ltd.			
		PO Box 86, St Peter Port, Guernsey. 0481 26521			
115.9	62.9	Channel Isle	102.7	109.4	5.50
		Individual Life Insurance Ltd.			
		45 South St, Eastbourne BN21 4UT. 0323 36711			
111.1	100.0	Foreign Fix Int	98.6	104.9	..
105.6	100.0	Do Equity	101.7	108.2	..
		Kayanday Bermuda Management Ltd.			
		Atlas Hse, PO Box 1029, Hamilton 5, Bermuda			
1.42	1.15	Bishopsgate N.A.	1.29	1.34	..
		Lamont Investment Management Ltd.			
		8 St Georges St, Douglas, I.O.M. Douglas 4682			
25.0	17.4	Int Income (3)	19.8	21.1	8.25
[illegible]	37.8	Do Growth (10)	58.7	62.4	3.30
		Manx International Management.			
		30 Victoria St, Douglas, I.O.M. 0624 4856			
153.9	87.8	Gtr Pacific	118.6	126.9	..
48.6	34.5	Manx Int Inc	38.0	40.7	9.30
102.1	71.1	Sch Growth (27)	73.7	74.4	..
		M & G Group.			
		Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3R 6BQ. 01-626 4588			
96.6	55.5	Island Fnd †	86.5	89.2	3.45
130.6	78.1	Do Accum †	112.5	118.0	3.45
1.88	1.29	Atlantic Exp $	1.64	1.76	..
2.26	1.10	Aust & Gen $	1.56	1.61	..
		Old Court Fund Managers Ltd.			
		PO Box 58, St Julians Ct, Guernsey. 0481 26331			
45.4	38.6	Old Ct Eq (34)	39.1	41.4	..
103.9	85.9	Old Ct Int (35)	98.3	104.5	..
102.3	84.1	Smaller Co's	98.8	105.1	6.33
		Oliver Heath & Co.			
		31 Malew St, Castletown, I.O.M. 0624-823748			
109.5	81.9	Brit Conv Tst	90.1	94.8	15.20
104.7	80.2	Cap Sec'd Res	74.2	80.2	5.50
118.8	100.0	Conv Rights Tst	104.2	109.7	8.00
		4 Irish Place, Gibraltar. Telex GK 245			
144.2	110.0	Gib Inv Tst	116.1	124.8	5.80
185.6	89.1	Key City Inv	101.3	117.7	..
78.1	24.9	Warrant Fnd	61.8	65.1	..
		Slater Walker Insurance Co (C.I.) Ltd.			
		2 Grange Pl, St Peter Port, Guernsey 0481-26726			
69.9	52.3	Worldwide	..	65.0	3.50
		Slater Walker (Jersey).			
		2-8 Church St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37361			
258.8	135.7	Growth Inv	228.4	246.8	2.50
67.3	43.0	Int'l Fnd	58.4	63.1	2.70
143.3	100.0	Jersey Energy	116.4	125.8	1.00
		Target Trust Managers (Cayman) Ltd.			
		PO Box 710, Grand Cayman, Cayman Is.			
1.03	0.43	Offshore $	0.53	0.57	..
		Tyndall Group.			
		PO Box 1256, Hamilton, Bermuda.			
1.27	0.91	O'seas Dist (3) $	1.11	1.17	6.00
1.55	1.12	Do Accum (3) $	1.46	1.54	6.00
2.75	1.98	3 Way Int (40) $	2.22	..	..
		Tyndall Group.			
		43 La Motte St, St Helier, Jersey. 0534 37331			
100.0	78.6	Int Man Fnd (40)	93.4	97.6	..
10.60	5.65	O'seas Ster (3) £	7.05	7.45	6.00
12.45	7.00	Do Accum (3) £	9.30	9.85	6.00

• Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous days price. a Ex all. c Dealings suspended. e Sub-divided. f Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday; (2) Tuesday; (3) Wednesday; (4) Thursday; (5) Friday; (8) Nov 19, (9) Nov 18, (10) Nov 28, (14) Dec 1, (15) Nov 19, (16) Nov 25, (18) Dec 9, (19) Nov 20, (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 1st Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Thursday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of each month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly.

... Regd. No. 304646 England.

... will join Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and ... Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls.

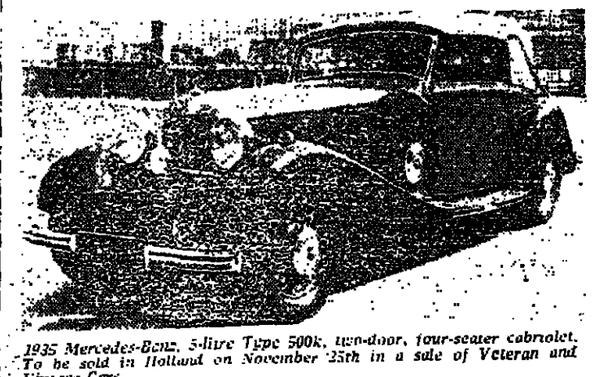
... 277,199 304,850 337,574

*Excluding surplus of approx £75m on revaluation of properties at 1st April, 1973 and provisions for deferred profit of £88m.

GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

Christie's

8 King Street, St. James's, London SW1Y 6QT. Tel: (01) 839 9060 Telex: 916429 Telegrams: CHRISTIART London S.W.1.



1935 Mercedes-Benz, 5-litre Type 500k, two-door, four-seater cabriolet. To be sold in Holland on November 25th in a sale of Veteran and Vintage Cars.

TODAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th
English Drawings and Watercolours. The Properties of The Rt. Hon. Lord Glendevon and others. Catalogue 35p post paid.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th
Fine French Paperweights. Catalogue (9 plates, including 1 in colour) 50p post paid.

WEDNESDAY, November 19th
Fine Jewels. The Properties of The Hon. Mrs. Alexander, Lord Richard Wellesley, Cancer Research Campaign, The National Trust and others. Catalogue (8 plates) 50p post paid.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20th
English Furniture and Objects of Art. The Properties of Paul Paget, Esq., C.V.O., F.S.A., F.R.I.B.A. and others. Catalogue (5 plates) 45p post paid.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20th at 10 a.m.
A Major Sale of Fine Bordeaux and Burgundy. Catalogue 35p post paid.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21st
Important English Pictures. The Properties of Sir Adrian Beecham, Bt., Sir Arthur Bryant, C.H., C.B.E., Guinevere, Countess of Midleton, The late Sir Robert Harvey, Bt., The Trustees of the Swinton Settled Estates and others. Catalogue 169 illustrations, including 2 in colour) £2.80 post paid.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24th
Fine Later Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art. The Properties of Andrew Franklin, Esq., C.V.O., C.B.E. and others. Catalogue (13 plates, including 1 in colour) 65p post paid.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th
Fine Miniatures, Stuart Relics, Gold Boxes and Objects of Vertu. The Properties of the Trustees of the Swinton Settled Estates and others. Catalogue (23 plates, including 1 in colour) 95p post paid.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th
Indian, Tibetan and Nepalese Works of Art. Catalogue (12 plates, including 1 in colour) 55p post paid.

Sales begin at 11 a.m. unless otherwise stated, and are subject to the conditions printed in the relevant catalogues.

SALES OVERSEAS

IN AMSTERDAM AT HET NATIONAAL AUTOMOBIELMUSEUM, LEIDSCHENDAM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th at 12 noon
Veteran, Vintage and Classic Cars, Motorcycles and Horse-Drawn Vehicles. Catalogue (63 illustrations) £2.30 post paid.

LATE NIGHT VIEW

Christie's will be open from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26th for a special view of the Collection of Important Impressionist Pictures, Drawings and Sculpture, to be sold on December 2nd and 5th, belonging to the late Fletcher Jones (sold by order of his Executor, Bank of America), Old Master Pictures, French Furniture, Continental and Oriental Porcelain and Works of Art.

ADDITIONAL VIEWING OF IMPRESSIONIST PICTURES
Christie's will be open on Sunday, November 30th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a special view of the December 2nd and 5th sales of Impressionist, Modern and Contemporary Art and Sculpture.

CHRISTIE'S REVIEW OF THE SEASON 1975
This is now available in bookshops, price £10, or from Christie's, price £10.50 post paid. All applications to John Herbert, Public Relations Director.

Christie's South Kensington 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 3JS. Tel: (01) 589 2422

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th at 10.30 a.m.
Furniture, Carpets and Objects of Art.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th at 10.30 a.m.
Mechanical Music and Records.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19th at 2 p.m.
English and Continental Paintings.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20th at 2 p.m.
Ceramics and Works of Art.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21st at 10.30 a.m.
Furs.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24th at 10.30 a.m.
Old and Modern Jewellery.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25th at 12 noon
"End of Bin" and Wines for Everyday Drinking.

Catalogues 25p each post paid.

Christie's South Kensington is open until 7 p.m. every Monday evening

York Office: Nicholas Brooksbank, 46 Bootham, York YO3 7BZ Tel: York 30911
Edinburgh Office: Michael Clayton, 48 Melville Street, Edinburgh EH3 7HH Tel: (031) 225 4757
Irish Office: Desmond Fitz-Gerald, The Knight of Glin, Glin Castle, Glin, co. Limerick. Tel: Glin 44.

Sotheby's

at 34-35 New Bond Street, London W1A 2AA, Telephone: 01-493 8080

TUESDAY, 18th NOVEMBER, at 11 a.m.
THE MAGNIFICENT BOTANICAL LIBRARY OF THE STIFTUNG FUR BOTANIK VADUZ LIECHTENSTEIN
collected by the late Arpad Plesch
Part 2 H-P *Cat. (116 plates, 10 in colour) £4*

WEDNESDAY, 19th NOVEMBER, at 11 a.m.
FINE OLD MASTER PAINTINGS
the property of the late Mrs. C. M. Jones, Capetown (sold by order of the Executors), the Beneficiaries of the Estate of the late Viscountess Scarsdale, the late Sir John Ellerman, Bt., the Prior and Community, Farnborough Abbey, Sir Arundell Neave, Bt., and other owners Cat. (8 plates) 30p

THURSDAY, 20th NOVEMBER, at 11 a.m.
JEWELS
the property of Mrs. U. de la Mare, the Hon. Lady Nelson, Baroness G. Pongracz, and other owners Cat. 20p

FRIDAY, 21st NOVEMBER, at 11 a.m.
ENGLISH FURNITURE, RUGS AND CARPETS *Cat. 30p*

MONDAY, 24th NOVEMBER, and the following day, at 11 a.m.
BIBLIOTHECA PHILLIPPICA
New Series: Fifteenth Part
BOOKS PRINTED IN ENGLAND AND ENGLISH BOOKS PRINTED ABROAD 1641-1700 FIRST PORTION: A-L
from the celebrated Collection formed by Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bt. (1792-1872) and from other sources
the property of the Trustees of the Robinson Trust *Cat. (1 plate) £1*

MONDAY, 24th NOVEMBER, at 11 a.m.
GLASS PAPERWEIGHTS AND ENGLISH COLOURED GLASS
the property of Dr. G. G. France, and other owners *Cat. (28 illustrations, 3 in colour) 65p*

TUESDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, at 10.30 a.m.
CHINESE WORKS OF ART AND CH'ING PORCELAIN
the property of Lady Birley, Professor Malmquist, Commander Richard Gilmour, and other owners *Cat. (2 plates) 40p*

at Sotheby's Belgravia, 19 Motcomb Street, London SW1X 8LB. Telephone: 01-235 4311

TUESDAY, 18th NOVEMBER, at 11 a.m.
FINE ENGLISH PRINTS 1700-1850
the property of a Nobleman, formerly in the collection of Louis Comte Greffulhe, and thence by descent to the present owner, Sir John Gilmour, Bt., Sir Edward Hulton, and other owners *Cat. (35 illustrations) £1*

THURSDAY, 20th NOVEMBER, at 11 a.m.
STUDIO CERAMICS
Cat. (42 illustrations) 45p

at 115 Chancery Lane (Hodgson's Rooms), London WC2A 1PX. Telephone: 01-405 7238

THURSDAY, 20th NOVEMBER, and the following day, at 1 p.m.
ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED BOOKS OF THE NINETEENTH AND TWENTIETH CENTURIES *Cat. 30p*

at the Midland Hotel, Peter Street, Manchester

WEDNESDAY, 19th NOVEMBER, at 10.30 a.m.
FINE WINES AND VINTAGE PORT
Cat. 30p

at Sotheby Mak van Waay B.V., Rokin 102, Amsterdam C.

MONDAY, 17th NOVEMBER, and the following day, at 7.30 p.m.
HIGHLY IMPORTANT OLD MASTER DRAWINGS
from the Collection of the late Bernard Houthakker *Cat. £3.50*

at the Hotel Baur Au Lac, Talstrasse 1, Zürich

WEDNESDAY, 26th NOVEMBER, and the following day, at 9.30 a.m.
THE ALFRED E. PERNT COLLECTION OF GOLD COINS
the property of the University of Michigan
OTHER GOLD COINS AND RENAISSANCE MEDALS *Cat. (27 plates) £2*

at the Sporting D'Hiver, Place du Casino, Monte Carlo

FRIDAY, 28th NOVEMBER, and the following three days
THE DIAGHILEV-LIFAR LIBRARY
the property of Maitre Serge Lifar
Part I – Friday, 28th November, at 4 p.m.
Part II – Saturday, 29th November, at 10.30 a.m.
Part III – Sunday, 30th November, at 4 p.m.
Part IV – Monday, 1st December, at 10.30 a.m.
Cat. (33 illustrations, 1 in colour) £3.50

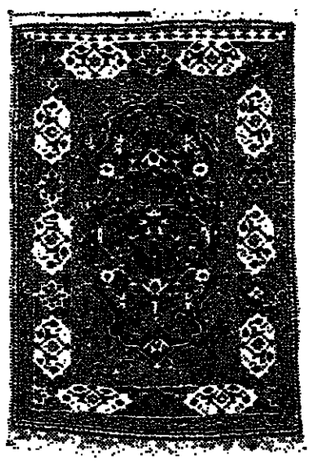
SATURDAY, 29th NOVEMBER, at 4 p.m. and 9.30 p.m.
IMPORTANT GOLD BOXES AND OBJECTS OF VERTU
Cat. (104 illustrations, 63 in colour) £3.50

SUNDAY, 30th NOVEMBER, at 9.30 p.m., and the following day, at 4 p.m.
IMPORTANT EUROPEAN SILVER
Cat. (110 illustrations, 7 in colour) £2.50

Catalogues (post free) from, 2 Merrington Road, London SW6 1RG. Telephone: 01-381 3173

Representative in Scotland: John Robertson, 19 Castle Street, Edinburgh EH2 3AH
Telephone: 031-226 5438

THE PERSIAN CARPET GALLERIES



"TRANSYLVANIAN" RUG
second half 17th century
Asia Minor, 6ft. 1in. x 4ft. 2in.

One of a group of 15 rare and important Turkish rugs which also includes: a 15th century MAMLUK rug, a 16th century "LOTTO" rug as well as several village and nomadic rugs.
A collection of 20 examples of Turkoman tribal art including several outstanding BESHIRS and a number of fine tent bags.

Other collections include:
- Six extremely rare antique "HISPANO-MORESQUE" carpets.
- Several antique CAUCASIANS amongst which there are two 17/18th century KUBA BLOSSOM carpets.
- Amongst the PERSIAN carpets there is an important antique KURDISTAN, 17ft. 10in. x 11ft. 10in. and several outstanding KASHGAI carpets.

THESE INTERESTING COLLECTIONS WILL BE SOLD ON: FRIDAY, 28th NOVEMBER, 1975, at 11 a.m.

ON VIEW: Saturday, 22nd November, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and daily from Monday, 24th November, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. (closing Wednesday, 7 p.m.).

Illustrated catalogue 70p including postage.

LEFEVRE & PARTNERS

Specialist Auctioneers

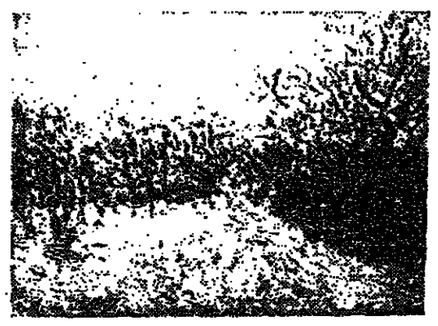
152, Brompton Road, London SW3 1HX

Tel. 01-584 5516

AUCTION SALES

PALAIS GALLIERA 10 Avenue Pierre-Ier-de-Serbie 75116 Paris

Thursday, November 27th, 1975, at 2.30 p.m.
WORKS OF ARTS AND VERY FINE FURNITURE—CERAMIC
OUTSTANDING SET OF 18th CENTURY FRENCH FURNITURE
STAMPED BY THE GREATEST MASTER CABINET-MAKERS:
Dubois, Cressent, Lardin, Leleu, Montigny, Migeon, Moreau, Oeben, Riesener, Reveult, R.V.L.C., etc. . . .
VERY FINE SEATS BY:
Avisse, Delanois, Jacob, Remy, Séne, etc. . . .
ORIENTAL RUGS
Experts: MM. CANET, NICOLIEN, BECHIRIAN



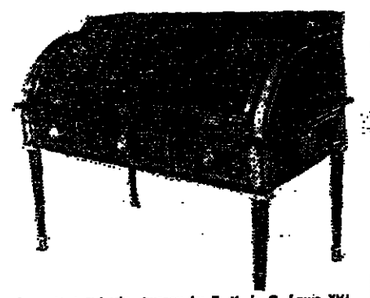
UTRILLO Maurice "Paysage à Montmagny". 126 x 361

Thursday, November 27th, 1975, at 9 p.m.
OLD MASTER PAINTINGS BY OR ATTRIBUTED TO:
Amorosi, Buglier, Combette, De Heem, De Mure, De Soria, Francazanno, Gysbrechts, J. Heinz, Hernandez, Lucas, A. Mignon, M. Monnoyer, Panini, Rocca, Swanenburg, Schweinlert, Van Der Vinne, Van Heemskerck, Van Helmont.
Important decoration by PILLEMENT
Expert: M. ANANOFF
Exhibition: Monday, November 24th, from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., Tuesday, November 25th, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the HOTEL GEORGE V, and Wednesday, November 26th, from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the PALAIS GALLIERA.
Saturday, November, 29th, 1975, at 2.30 p.m. and 8 p.m.
MEXICAN ANTIQUITIES
Important set of JAINA Statuettes—Whistle Statuettes.
Collection of Smiling Heads.
MAYA Vases and Plates in painted ceramic.
Incensory from TEOTIHUACAN. Stone Sculptures. Jades.
Expert: M. RATTON.
Exhibition: Friday, November 28th, from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Saturday, December 6th, 1975, at 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.
MODERN PAINTINGS
by: Agam, Archipenko, Bombois, Bores, Chagall, Degas, Dufy, Foujita, Friesz, Gen Paul, Herbin, Kisling, Lalanne, Lanskoy, Leger, Luce, Marie Laurencin, Manekatz, Marquet, Max Ernst, Moret, Pascin, Pissarro, Rafaelli, Renoir, Riopelle, Rouault, Segal, Stevens, Utrillo, Valadon, Vallat, Villon, Vlaminck, Vuillard.

Sculptures by: Bourdelle, Maillol, Rodin, Renoir.
Ceramics by: Derain, Toulouse-Lautrec, Vlaminck.
Experts: MM. SCHOELLER, TRIGANO.

Exhibition: Friday, December 5th, from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.



Catalogues on request from the Auctioneer's Office

Guy LOUDMER, Hervé POULAIN
Associated Auctioneers S.C.P.
30 Place de la Madeleine, 75008 Paris. Tel.: 073-95-80 & 073-70-16. Telex: 280717 F322.

Important cylinder bureau by R. V. L. C. Louis XVI period.

HOTEL DROUOT

Monday, 24th November 1975
Public Room 1

BEAUTIFUL OLD PAINTINGS
with two canvasses by Brueghel de Velours & A. Bosschaert the Younger
Objets d'Art from the Far East XVIIIth Century Objets d'Art Authenticated Furniture.
Preview the 22nd November: 11.00 to 18.00 hrs.
Experts: Messrs. Touzet, Dillee, Beurdeley.
Mes Champetier de Ribes—Ribeyre—Millon
Auctioneers
14, rue Drouot 75009 Paris
Tel: 770.00.45
Tx: DROUOT 290 365

SALES BY AUCTION—HOTEL DROUOT
Friday 21st November—Room 7
Succession of Mme B.
COINS
View Thursday 20th November
Expert: M. PAGE
Wednesday 26th November—Room 7
Succession of Mme B.
JEWELLERY—SILVER
View Tuesday 25th November
Experts MM. de FONMERVAULT, MONNAIE.
Me C. DELORME, Auctioneer.
3 rue de Penthièvre. 75008 PARIS
Tel. 265 57 83—Telex Drouot 290385 F.

at Phillips

Today, Nov. 18, 11 a.m.	Good English, Continental Furniture, Works of Art, Carpets.
Today, Nov. 18, 2 p.m.	Jewellery.
Wed., Nov. 19, 11 a.m.	Ceramics & Glass.
Thur., Nov. 20, 10 a.m.	Furniture etc., Marylebone.
Thur., Nov. 20, 11 a.m.	Musical Instruments.
Fri., Nov. 21, 11 a.m.	Silver & Plate.
Mon., Nov. 24, 11 a.m.	Antique & Decorative Furniture, Works of Art, Carpets.
Mon., Nov. 24, 11 a.m.	Watercolours & Drawings.
Mon., Nov. 24, 2 p.m.	Prints.
Tue., Nov. 25, 11 a.m.	Eng., Cont. Furniture etc. followed by Pewter.
Tue., Nov. 25, 2 p.m.	Books, Mss., Postcards.

Phillips in Knowle: Nov. 26 Antiques, The Old House, Knowle, W. Midlands. Tel. 056 45 6151.
Phillips in Montreal: Six Special Sales, Nov. 20-29.

Phillips the Auction People since 1796
7 Blenheim Street, New Bond Street
London W1Y 0AS. Tel.: 01-629 6602
Also in Edinburgh, Knowle, Dublin, Geneva and Montreal

Harrods Estate Offices

FINE ART AUCTIONEERS AND VALUERS
the 19th, 20th and 21st of November

Wednesday at 10 a.m.
Antique and modern furniture. View 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, and during sale.

Thursday at 10 a.m.
Oriental and other carpets and rugs. View 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

Thursday at 10.30 a.m.
Objects of art, Metalware, Porcelain, etc. View 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.

Friday at 10 a.m.
Secondary sale: Household effects. View 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.

Thursday at 2.30 p.m.
Oil paintings, Water colours and prints including works by or attributed to S. Bough, W. S. Boyd, A. M. Cross, E. Davis, B. Dickinson, R. G. Eves, A. Gaust, Halbach, Chris Henley, L. Hughe, Lee Laurent, J. Linnell, Petalla, W. Pratt, Pyeknoy Glage, J. Reynolds, I. Sidley, Sutton Palmer, Adrien Van Der Werff, T. Vinea, and Wilson, and works from the English, American, Dutch, French, Italian, Spanish and Venetian schools. View 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.

Catalogues 20p from Galleries or Head Office, 1 Hans Road, S.W.3.

Tel: 01-748 2739

ARUNDEL TERRACE, BARNES, LONDON, S.W.13
By Hammersmith Bridge
Free parking for 200 cars
Forthcoming special sales: 4th December, Silver, Jewellery and Plate; and 18th December, Printed Books. Catalogues when ready 42p and 32p incl. post.

Sell Simply at Phillips

10% Vendors commission Min. £4
NO BUYERS COMMISSION

Realise the Difference

Phillips the Auction People since 1796.
7 Blenheim Street, New Bond Street, London, W1Y 0AS.
Telephone: 01-629 6602

Bonhams 1793

FORTHCOMING SALES

At the Montpelier Galleries, Montpelier Street, Knightsbridge, London SW7 1HH. Tel: 01-584 9161.

OLD CHELSEA GALLERIES:
75-81 Burnaby Street, Kings Road, London SW10.
SCOTTISH OFFICE:
5 Atholl Crescent, Perth. Telephone 107381 32302.
GENEVA OFFICE:
1 rue Pedro-Meylan, Switzerland. Telephone 36 60 02.

IT COSTS YOU LESS TO SELL AT BONHAMS - OUR 7½% VENDOR'S COMMISSION IS THE LOWEST OF THE LONDON AUCTIONEERS.

Wednesday 19th November at 11 a.m.
CARPETS AND RUGS *Catalogue 20p.*

Wednesday 19th November at 11 a.m.
WATERCOLOURS AND PRINTS
including prints by Sir William Russell Flint, L. S. Lowry. *Catalogue 25p.*

Thursday 20th November at 11 a.m.
ENGLISH AND CONTINENTAL FURNITURE
including a Regency settee in simulated rosewood; a Victorian walnut bread-front bookcase; a George III mahogany sideboard; a Louis XV style suite of seat furniture; a large oak console table in Adam taste, circa 1856. *Catalogue 20p.*

Thursday 20th November at 11 a.m.
17th, 18th & 19th CENTURY PAINTINGS
including works by T. Bunce, jun., T. Creswick, J. Danby, E. Fischer, L. Haghe, J.P. Herbert, D. Jansen, T. Jopling, J. C. Maggs. *Catalogue 25p.*

Friday 21st November at 11 a.m.
CERAMICS AND WORKS OF ART *Catalogue 20p.*

Tuesday 25th November at 11 a.m.
SILVER AND PLATE *Catalogue 20p.*

Wednesday 26th November at 1.30 p.m.
A HIGHLY IMPORTANT COLLECTION OF PRINTED BOOKS *Catalogue 50p.*

Friday 28th November at 11 a.m.
JEWELLERY including a large diamond ring. *Catalogue 20p.*

Old Chelsea Galleries, Tuesday 18th Nov. at 11 a.m. FURNITURE & MISCELLANEA at 1.30 p.m. PICTURES. *Catalogue 20p.*

ALL SALES ON VIEW TWO DAYS PRIOR.

URGENT PUBLIC AUCTION

CANCELLED EXPORT CONSIGNMENT
10 BALES OF VERY FINE & VALUABLE
PERSIAN & ORIENTAL CARPETS

A vast quantity of luxurious hand-made carpets, rugs & runners including: Silk & Part Silk Qoums; Kashan rugs; Pakistani Royal Bokharas; Bakthiar carpets; Beluch rugs; Shiraz Kelims; Anatolian silk rugs; Kirman carpets; Turkoman rugs; Afghan carpets & rugs; Qoums; Afshar & Kurdistan Tribal rugs; Meshed Beluch rugs; Rumanian rugs & carpets; Shiraz rugs; Nain rugs; Sarouks, Etc. Etc.

THE ENTIRE CONSIGNMENT ORDERED FOR IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM STORAGE & FINAL LIQUIDATION BY
PUBLIC AUCTION
PIECE BY PIECE
AT THE HEATHROW HOTEL, BATH ROAD, LONDON (HEATHROW) AIRPORT, HOUNSLOW
ON SATURDAY 22nd NOVEMBER AT 11.30 a.m.
THE BALES WILL BE OPENED FOR INSPECTION FROM 9.30 a.m.
Every item is guaranteed genuine & hand-made & is in excellent condition
Auctioneer: DAVID HANSFORD & COMPANY
202-4 Old Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1. Tel: 01-262 6628

549. LEMPERTZ AUCTION

MODERN ART
5th DEC. 1975
Paintings, Sculpture
Original Graphics
On View: Nov. 28-Dec. 4, except Sundays.
Catalogues on request, £4
D-5 COLOGNE NEUMARKT 3
TELEPHONE 21 62 51

COUNTRY PROPERTIES

LUPTON TOWER
KIRKBY LONSDALE, CUMBRIA
17th CENTURY MANSION HOUSE

Carefully restored and retaining many original features, together with Coach House converted to residential use, and 3 acres of ground. Outlook outstanding. Full particulars from:—

Henry Spencer & Sons, 3 St. James' Row, SHEFFIELD, Tel.: 70171
John Nicholson & Co., 4 Stramongate, KENDAL, Tel.: 20904

ST. ALBANS
Attractive detached [illegible] Manor House in quiet cul-de-sac [illegible] regency interior [illegible] rooms, kitchen breakfast room, c.h. Double [illegible] garage. Carport. £37,500.
ST. ALBANS [illegible]

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA
Peaceful detached house [illegible] sun lounge, dining room, [illegible] kitchen, cloakroom, bathroom, [illegible] double [illegible] garage, garden, [illegible] Private [illegible] 24 after 1 p.m.

PENN BUCKINGHAMSHIRE. [illegible] looking [illegible] Chiltern village [illegible] 3 reception, [illegible] bedrooms, bathroom, [illegible] together with [illegible] garage, [illegible] garden. Freehold for auction 16th December, 1975 (unless [illegible] privately). Solicitors: [illegible] Illustrated brochure from A. J. Frost and Co., Broadstairs (0843) 63555.

CORNWALL—[illegible] Lovely [illegible] Georgian house [illegible] 3 reception, 5 bedrooms, bathroom, [illegible] separate wc, [illegible] Double [illegible] garage, [illegible] Private [illegible] Penzance [illegible] 24 after 1 p.m.

ESSEX-SUFFOLK BORDER. In quiet hamlet, 11 miles Sudbury. Three [illegible] closes of [illegible] farmhouse, [illegible] outbuildings, garden and [illegible] pasture. 3 rec., kitchen, utility room, 4 bedrooms, bathroom, [illegible] gas c.h. [illegible] Auction Sudbury, Suffolk, 6th [illegible] Turner & Son, 14 The Street, Sudbury, Suffolk (0787) 74[illegible]

LAKE DISTRICT FRINGE. Lovely [illegible] Ravenstonedale. [illegible] 2 bedrooms, in converted stone building. Price Handmead, Ravenstonedale (058 73) 256.

DEVON. Glorious [illegible] & W. Estuary. Sheltered. Fine views. Comfortable sunny home in [illegible] world. Cliffs. Village [illegible] 4 bedrooms, [illegible] rooms, kitchen breakfast room, [illegible] bathroom, [illegible] cloakroom, fitted [illegible] double glazing. [illegible] hire, sailing, [illegible] bar nearby. £27,000. — Telephone Brannton (0548 58) 217.

NEW FOREST Village. Superb views over the Avon Valley 2 miles from Fordingbridge. Modern bungalow with 4 bedrooms, c.h. tiled [illegible] garage. £25,500. Fox & Sons, Fordingbridge Tel. 52121.

KENT ARMS SALES
DEC. 3. Sale containing rare Naxi daggers and swords, Japanese swords and weapons including World War II officers swords from Guthrie Rifles Tibetan antique guns including early Scottish Flintlock Pistol, Colt Patterson Revolver, Early *Dutch Naval Flintlock Blunderbuss*. Also scarce Military Campaign Medals and militaria. Send 75p for illustrated catalogue of more than 400 items. We do not charge buying commission.
KENT ARMS SALES (T.T.)
15 MONTPELIER AVENUE
BEXLEY, KENT
TEL. 01-304 1596

BICESTER, OXON. [illegible] Lots of Antique Furniture and small items. Auction Thursday, 27th November. Details E. P. Messenger & Son, Bicester, Oxon (08692 [illegible]).

COUNTRY PROPERTIES

SOUTH DEVON DARTMOUTH
Small late Victorian Gothic, semi detached, pleasant situation, close town centre, [illegible] room, dining room, kitchen, usual offices, bedroom, small outside area. £8,000.
Attractive 1st floor flat [illegible] superb views of Dart. Luxury [illegible] porch, own [illegible] entrance, [illegible] dining room, [illegible] kitchen, usual offices, 2 bedrooms, garden and garage. £23,000.
For further detail [illegible]
MULLETTS
ST. [illegible] SOUTH MOLTON
TELEPHONE [illegible]

ANGMERING, SUSSEX.—[illegible] 2 bedrooms, bathroom, [illegible] lounge, dining room, [illegible] kitchen, [illegible] garage. Close to shops and station. £[illegible] Phone [illegible] 5720.

LONDON AND SUBURBAN

CHELSEA, S.W.10. [illegible] Freehold House near World's End. 3 bedrooms, reception, lounge diner. Garden. [illegible] £27,000. o.n.o. Telephone [illegible] 352 1615 (5 lines).

BUCKHURST HILL.—[illegible] Cul de sac [illegible] 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms detached home with superb reception rooms and study. Self-contained flat. Garage. Fully equipped kitchen and [illegible] gardens with [illegible] lawn. Freehold £[illegible] Telephone Belinda [illegible] 5938.

LONDON AND SUBURBAN

CADOGAN PLACE S.W.1
Excellent period house on new 21-year lease at £22,000 p.a. rent reviews at 7th & 14th. In need of some modernisation. 5 beds, 4 baths, 3 except 1 south facing [illegible] roof terrace, garden over [illegible] and with access to square gardens; reduced to the [illegible] realistic price of
£14,000
To view ring 01-235 2393

CLAPHAM NEAR COMMON
Substantial terraced House [illegible] 7 [illegible] bedroom, 2 bathroom, [illegible] accommodation. Ideal for [illegible] conversion [illegible] Board of Education [illegible] Parkside. £11,[illegible] — 01-[illegible]

TEDDINGTON. MODERN HOUSE [illegible] 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, 2 bathrooms, small [illegible] fitted kitchen, [illegible] garage, communal [illegible] £[illegible] each. [illegible] Marquis & Co., 501 Hanger [illegible]

CHELSEA, S.W.10. — Modern [illegible] Freehold House near World's End. 3 beds, [illegible] lounge diner. Fitted [illegible] £[illegible] Telephone Belinda [illegible] 5938.

LONDON AND SUBURBAN

GEORGIAN ELEGANCE ANGEL, N.1
Fully restored terraced house set on 3 floors, in excellent condition in quiet street near Regent's Canal. Minutes City. 3 good size bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception with Adam style fireplace, separate dining room. Brighton fully fitted kitchen, laundry room. C.H. throughout. Fitted carpets throughout at valuation.
Freehold £52,500
278 9715 Anytime

GREENWICH
SITUATED IN PRIVATE SQUARE
Exceptionally small modern terraced house, with attractive views, comprising of 1 double, 1 single bedroom, bathroom. Comfortable open plan living area leading to compact modern fully fitted kitchen, c.h. Small but very pretty garden. Garage available.
£[illegible] p.a.
TEL. 01-692 7825

BELGRAVIA Period House 7 bedrooms, reception rooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 shower rooms, [illegible] terrace. C.H. 61-year lease. £65,000 — [illegible] 235 0406.

LONDON FLATS

MUST SELL—Returning to Canada. Luxury 2 beds flat off Marble Arch. £40,000. T.-H 262 8598.

KINGSTON HOUSE. Fabulous 4th floor flat with panoramic garden views from all windows. Lift, c.h. c.h.w. 54 yr. mortgage. Garaging, private gardens, restaurant, some redecoration required. 2 beds., 2 baths., 2 receps., [illegible] utility rm., 2 staff rms. and staff bath. 99 years. £67,500. Allson & Co. [illegible] 7 days a week. 20 Montpelier St., S.W.7. 01-584 8106 or Eves. Brighton (0273) 62365.

LONDON FLATS

FLATS IN CHELSEA
C.P.E. Construction Ltd. are producing 1, 2 and 3 bed flats in Cresswell Gdns., Harcourt Terrace, Redcliffe Sq., Callow Road, Westgate Terrace and Field Road. The flats are radically converted to very high specifications. Smartly fitted kitchens and bathrooms, generous built-in storage. Some with patio, garden or terraces. All with C.H. and entryphone. **Prices from £12,000 for long leases.**
01-584 8517
CPK

BARONS COURT MANSIONS, W.14
A fine ground floor flat in a well maintained block overlooking Queens Club Tennis Courts. 2 bedrooms, spacious lounge, kitchen and bathroom. Central heating, entryphone and resident caretaker. Lease 99 years. G.R. £40 p.a. Price £17,500
COOKES & BURRELL
MAYNE & CO.,
176-181 North End Road, W.14
01-603 5506

S.W. 18 flats 5 mins. Southfields Underground. Modernised, new services, fittings, decorations and carpet throughout. 16ft. living room, 17ft. bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, central heating, garden. 99 [illegible] Lease 99 years. Tel.: 870 0512, evenings.

MAYFAIR—1 bedroom flat, 1st floor, fully serviced, low ground rent. Premium £25,000 o.n.o. Tel. 493 4010, Mrs. Rogers.

DULWICH.—Luxury 5th floor apartment: 2 bedrooms with fitted wardrobes, large drawing room, fully fitted kitchen, bathroom, C.H. and garage. Long lease, low outgoings. Panoramic views over London. £14,950. Telephone 01-670 1418.

LONDON FLATS

A NEW STUDIO FLAT
IN THE HEART OF LONDON'S WEST END
Just off Manchester Square. *Superb open-plan reception* room, excellent Wrighton kitchen, double bedroom, large bathroom. Lift, c.h. and c.h.w. Garage available. 21-year lease, £32,500. 5 flats available. View show flat today at 56 George Street, W.1. from 11 am-1 pm or 2 pm-6 pm.
MELLERSH & HARDING
45 St. James's Place, S.W.1
01-493 8141
CHESTERTONS
40 Conduit Street, W.1.
01-[illegible] 7302

CADOGAN SQ., S.W.1
2nd floor flat, 2 bedrooms, sitting room, kitchen, 2 w.c.s, *1 bath room en suite*. Spacious, very quiet, overlooking gardens. C.H. in perfect decorative order. Lift and carpeted. Approx. £900 outgoings. 52 year lease.
£32,500 Tel Mr P. 626 8356.

TOP FLOOR, 7TH. Large block. Balham Conv reach West End and City 3 rooms, k. & b. Porters, c.h., c.h.w. Shop. Low outgoings. 61-year lease. 10.5% including furniture, carpets and curtains.—Phone Thomas, 01-[illegible] 2446 any time.

BELGRAVIA.—Garden flat: 2 bedrooms, 2 reception, 2 baths., C.H., £45,000.—Tel.: 235 0406.

GLOUCESTER RD S.W.7. Bright top floor flat. 1 big room, kitchen & bathroom. 99-yr. lease. Very low outgoings. £10,950. 584 0655 after 6 p.m.

LONDON FLATS

ALBRIZZI SALE ENDS Saturday, 22nd November
1 Sloane Square, S.W.1.

LONDON FLATS

PUTNEY—BARNES
Modern purpose-built flat on top 2 floors, 2 beds., bathroom, open stairs up to large lounge, kitchen, 15ft. west-facing stone balcony, 30ft. communal room with pantry and toilet. Available for entertaining. Garage. Private gardens. 99½ years.
£18,500, inc. f. & f. for completion by end of December.
Ring 01-789 2898.

HAMPSTEAD
Luxury unfurnished flat in small purpose built block. 3 bedrooms, lounge, completely fitted kitchen, bathroom, garage, garden, porterage. West Kingsway, excl. New 99-yr. lease. F. & I. to include carpets, curtains throughout and all other fittings. £[illegible].000.
Ring 01-794 3294

PUTNEY, S.W.15. Modern self-contained 2-bedroomed flat on 2 floors. 1 reception, k. and b. Attractive position, close District Line and shops. 43½ yrs. 99-year lease. [illegible] £[illegible] Phone [illegible] 5755, office hrs.

ST. JOHN'S WOOD PARK. Exclusive modern flat in prestige block. 2 double beds., double recept., Wrighton fitt. bath.—sep. W.C. £16,[illegible] p.a. including C.H., fitted carpets, etc. Garage avail. £4,000 for carpets, curtains, & f. f. Abercombie & Ringland. 586 3111.

LONDON FLATS

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL VIEW IN LONDON
Riverside Chelsea Flat, 3 bed, 2 rec., 2 bath., balcony. Long lease. 99 years. Rent inc. service charge £[illegible] p.a.
£5,500 *or near offer.*
Enquiries to:
MACDONALD STACEY & CO.
7 & 8 King's Bench Walk,
Temple, London EC4Y 7DT.
Telephone: 01-583 [illegible]
Ref. 1 OC.

LAND FOR SALE

ROSECROFT AVENUE, HAMPSTEAD, N.W.3
2 mins. West Heath. 2 beds, new luxury flat, super kitchen and bath. Off street parking. 84-year lease. Offers invited.
Phone
TROLLOPE & COLLS
01-689 5102 (weekdays)
01-286 3650 (weekend)

A SITE SITUATED 10 MILES CARDIFF
With planning permission for [illegible] flats (21 of new Pont House. Quick sale required £10,000 o.n.o.
Phone Pewsey (067 [illegible] 3414
Mr. Harries.

PROPERTY ABROAD

PORT SANTO STEFANO. Rome, Italy. 2 apartments each 2/3 bedrooms, 55 ft. mezz. 81 ft. Fulham, London SSN. 01-736 4560.

PROPERTY TO LET

SECLUDED Hampshire Cottage, [illegible] hours lease and [illegible] March. C.H., C/[illegible] T.V. equipped £30 p.w. Lias 3308.

هكذا من الاصل

PROPERTY TO LET

FULLY FURNISHED
FARMHOUSE AND COTTAGE TO LET

until Easter, 1976. Within 48 miles of Edinburgh, these are both well appointed and beautifully situated near to Jedburgh in the Scottish Borders.

For full particulars and appointment to view apply: The Factor, Lothian Estates Office, Jedburgh, Roxburghshire, Scotland TD8 6UF. Tel.: Jedburgh 2201.

LEGAL NOTICES

No 002419 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division In the Matter of HUNTERS & FRANKAU Limited and In the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACT 1948.

Notice is hereby given that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 3rd November 1975 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £160,000 to £107,500 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 12th November 1975.

Dated this 13th day of November 1975. Herbert Smith & Co. of 62 London Wall, London EC2R 7JB Solicitors for the above-named Company.

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of GARTON SHOPFITTERS Limited (In Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants, of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA on Tuesday the 2nd day of December, 1975 at 11.45 am. to be followed at noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-up to date.

Dated this 11th day of November, 1975.

D. N. MARTIN, Liquidator

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of CALYDON PROPERTIES Limited (In Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants, of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA on Thursday, the 11th day of December, 1975, at 11 a.m. to be followed at 11.15 a.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Joint Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Dated this 6th day of November, 1975.

F. G. ROBERTS.
N. B. CORK.
Joint Liquidators.

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of BRIERLEYS SUPERMARKETS Limited (In Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that MEETINGS of the MEMBERS and CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA on Thursday the 4th day of December, 1975 at 11.45 am and 12 noon respectively for the purpose mentioned in Section 299 of the said Act.

Dated this 12th day of November, 1975.

J. D. NAYLOR, Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of LINDA HARDEMAN (HEALTH FOODS) Limited. Nature of Business: (General grocers and provision merchants).
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th October 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 2nd December 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.

D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT 1948
CORVIEW PROPERTIES Limited
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at 12/14 Old Pye Street, London, S.W.1. on Tuesday, the 16th day of December 1975, at 12.45 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 7th day of November, 1975.

By Order of the Board.
HARVEY M. SONING, Director.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of RONALD LANE (ENTERPRISES) Limited. Nature of Business: Theatrical promoters.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 30th October 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 2nd December 1975, at Room 259 Templar House, 81 High Holborn London WC1V 6NP at 3.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of KENLEY HEATING Limited. Nature of Business: Domestic Heating Installers.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th October 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 2nd December, 1975, at Room 259, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6NP, at 12.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 12.30 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of WILLIAM SORSBY Limited Nature of Business: Antique dealer.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th October, 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS. 2nd December, 1975, at Room 259, Templar House, 81 High Holborn, London, WC1V 6NP, at 12.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 12.30 o'clock.

L. R. BATES, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of PMC BUILDERS Limited Nature of Business: Builders & Decorators.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th October, 1975.
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 2nd December, 1975, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD, at 10.00 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock.

N. SADDLER, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 00 3670 of 1975
IN the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Mr Registrar Dearlove. In the matter of CADEK RUBBER ESTATE, Limited and in the matter of The Companies Act 1948.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an ORDER dated the 13th November, 1975, made in the above matters the Court has directed a Meeting of the holders of the Shares of 10p each of the above-named Company (hereinafter called "the Company") to be convened for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between the Company and the holders of its said Shares and that such Meeting will be held at 15 St Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DT on Wednesday the 10th day of December 1975 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon at which place and time all the aforesaid Shareholders are requested to attend.

Any person entitled to attend the said Meeting can obtain copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement forms of Proxy and copies of the Statement required to be furnished pursuant to Section 207 of the above-mentioned Act at the registered office of the Company situate at 15 St. Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DT and at the offices of the under-mentioned Solicitors at the address mentioned below during usual business hours on any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) prior to the day appointed for the said Meeting.

The said Shareholders may vote in person at such Meeting or they may appoint another person, whether a Member of the Company or not, as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead.

It is requested that forms appointing proxies be lodged with the Secretaries at the registered office of the Company situate at 15 St. Helen's Place, London EC3A 6DT not less than 48 hours after the time appointed for the said Meeting but if forms are not so lodged they may be handed to the Chairman at the said Meeting.

In the case of joint holders the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders. And for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register of Members.

By the said Order the Court has appointed Humphrey John Rodham Bolliol Salmon or failing him Alan Moss Mishall or failing him Hermann Melchior Robinow to act as Chairman of the said Meeting and has directed the Chairman to report the result thereof to the Court.

The said Scheme of Arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.

Dated this 14th day of November, 1975.

ASHURST, MORRIS, CRISP & CO., 17 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL. Solicitors for the Company.

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of CHARMAN DEVELOPMENT & SALES Limited (In Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants, of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA, on Wednesday, the 3rd day of December, 1975, at 11.45 a.m. to be followed at 12 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Dated this 11th day of November, 1975.

D. N. MARTIN, Liquidator.

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1948 to 1967 and in the Matter of HARTLEY BROS. (LEEDS) Limited (In Liquidation).

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of W. H. Cork, Gully & Co., Chartered Accountants, of 19, Eastcheap, London, EC3M 1DA, on Thursday, the 11th day of December, 1975, at 11.45 a.m. to be followed at 12 noon by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Joint Liquidators Acts and Dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up to date.

Dated this 6th day of November, 1975.

F. G. ROBERTS.
N. B. CORK.
Joint Liquidators.

THE COMPANIES ACT 1948
GUARDIAN PROPERTIES (LINGFIELD) Limited
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at 12/14 Old Pye Street, London, S.W.1. on Tuesday, the 16th day of December 1975, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in sections 294 and 295 of the said Act.

Dated this 7th day of November, 1975.

By Order of the Board.
HARVEY M. SONING, Director.

IN the MATTER of the COMPANIES ACT 1948 and GREVILLE BICKERTON Limited
Notice is hereby given that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above Company will be held at The Embassy Suite, Balkerne Lane, Colchester, Essex, on Wednesday, 10th December, 1975, at 11.30 in the forenoon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 293, 294 and 295 of the Companies Act 1948.

Dated this 12th day of November, 1975.

By Order of the Board
S. D. BICKERTON, Director and Company Secretary.

No. 001806 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE In the matter of ATKINSON SPORTS Limited and in the matter of the Companies Act 1948
By order of the High Court of Justice dated 30th August 1975 Mr GORDON HAROLD DOWN of Gordon H. Down & Company, 106 Walter Road, Swansea, has been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company.

Dated this 12th day of November 1975.

GORDON H. DOWN.

TRANSFER BOOKS

JOHN LEWIS AND COMPANY LIMITED
Notice is hereby given that the REGISTERS of the 5% First and 7% Cumulative Preference Stocks of the Company will be CLOSED on 15 December 1975 for the preparation of dividend warrants.

B. E. DICKINSON, Secretary.

1 Old Cavendish Street, London, W.1.
12 November 1975.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
GENERAL CHARITY THE FREDERICK ANDREW CONVALESCENT TRUST. Scheme extending the object of the Charity. Ref. 211024-3-11.
The Charity Commissioners PROPOSE to ESTABLISH a SCHEME for this and other purposes. Copies of the proposed Scheme will be supplied on written request to the Charity Commission, 14 Ryder Street, London, S.W.1 quoting the reference above and may also be seen at that address.
Objections and suggestions may be sent to the Commissioners within one month from today.

£6,000 plus and £4,000 plus Appointments

Unemployment hastens London's day of decline

Not much time has passed since the days when at least a temporary stint in London was considered an absolute must for the career-minded. But the gradual demise of the capital as the major centre for industry and business has gathered pace in recent years.

Events like the establishment of a National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham and the transfer of an increasing number of company head offices and government departments to less cramped and less costly "second" cities serve to underline London's diminishing importance.

Now an increasing percentage of Britain's top-flight executives may have spent not more than the odd fortnight in the capital while a growing number of London-based specialists are readily prepared to grasp opportunities in what were once considered far-flung outposts of British business.

Several factors have precipitated this situation: Government policy designed to create a fairer balance of employment throughout the country has largely been responsible for the movement of industry into the regions while escalating costs and problems associated with operating in big city conditions have encouraged many employers to seek alternative locations.

From the employee's viewpoint higher taxes and spiralling personal costs have often more than negated the traditional salary advantage of working in the capital.

Now, however, new signs are emerging that perhaps reflected problems are assuming serious proportions for London itself.

Last week's announcement that London unemployment has reached a postwar record of 123,000 albeit largely as a result of a virtual halt in public sector recruiting illustrates how quickly the decline has accelerated.

Although the unemployment rate of 3.2 per cent compares well with statistics in most other areas the reversal has been considerable. Figures for those out of work have actually doubled in 14 months.

Despite the fact that government departments and local authority officials who compiled the figures feel the slump has reached bottom they are not prepared to predict any upturn for some time.

And the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry which has been particularly anxious about the problem for some time is now afraid that the industrial malaise of the capital could spread throughout the whole South-east.

A paper prepared by Elizabeth Latta of the Chamber's research staff and published in the organization's monthly journal, shows how astronomical rises in running costs coupled with an acute shortage of accommodation are forcing more and more companies out of the capital.

And it declares that an identical picture could emerge in the South-east if lessons are not learnt from London's industrial plight.

The main reason for the malaise according to Miss Latta has been the use of Industrial Development Certificates by successive governments to push expanding companies out of the area and into assisted development areas.

In London she claims this action has had three untoward repercussions. First, unemployment in some areas of the capital is actually reaching well above the national average; secondly, those companies which have remained are now facing intolerable rate burdens; and thirdly, the capital now has a stock of aging industrial property totally unsuited to modern production and distribution methods.

The paper reports that between 1961 and 1974 the number of manufacturing jobs in London fell by 489,000 or 34 per cent and that unemployment in areas like Stepney (10.2 per cent), Poplar (10 per cent) and Brixton (7.5 per cent) is now comparable to some of the worst hit development areas.

The paper concedes that the GLC is now strongly committed to stopping the decline but says that it is severely hampered by the shortage of suitable industrial property. The number of industrial buildings in London has fallen from 19,090 in 1967 to 17,696 in 1974 and although between 5 and 6 per cent of factory space is vacant much of it is obsolete.

The Chamber maintains that although the IDC policy for London has been slightly relaxed the application process is still enough to deter smaller companies while bigger organizations are invariably channelled to development areas.

Miss Latta goes on to state that these constraints are now starting to affect the South-east. Until recently the trend had been for companies to move from the capital into the South-east where there was a better supply of larger modern property. But this supply is being rapidly used up while at the same time county councils continue to encourage an inflow of labour by emphasizing housing and social services at the expense of industrial development.

As a result development land is largely being restricted to industrial users already based in the county.

The Chamber warns the authorities that this policy combined with the current decline in building activity will soon result in a shortfall of suitable property while increased movement outside the region will only increase the problem, with industry taking away key skilled labour and leaving an immobile unskilled labour pool.

Richard Allen

For a young lawyer: A career in industry

c.£5000

The Glacier Metal Company Limited are world leaders in the design and manufacture of plain bearings and members of the Associated Engineering Group. They have an opening in their Company Secretarial Department for a young qualified lawyer who is interested in a full and varied legal career in industry.

The successful applicant will understudy the Company's Contracts Executive (himself a qualified barrister) who is due to retire in the future, with a view to succeeding him.

The role will provide experience in the full range of activities connected with Secretarial work including all aspects of the Company's contracts, overseas agreements, Companies' Act requirements and insurance. The successful applicant will also provide specialist research and information service on changes in the law which may affect the Company.

The ideal candidate will have worked in a Secretarial Department, but a newly qualified lawyer who can prove that he/she possesses the right qualities of practical intelligence, confidence and drive would be trained fully in the commercial aspect of the role by the Company. Tact and the ability to act as an adviser to Directors and Senior Managers and to deal with confidential information is essential.

A starting salary in the region of £5000 will depend on qualifications and experience. Fringe benefits are those usually associated with large companies.

Please write with brief personal details to:-

B. H. Paine, Esq., Headquarters Personnel Manager, The Glacier Metal Company Limited, Ealing Road, Alperton, Wembley, Middlesex.

GLACIER THE ASSOCIATED ENGINEERING GROUP

DUPORT STEELWORKS LTD.

We are a Company in the private sector of the Steel Industry and are embarking on a £20m. capital investment programme and require an:

Electric Arc Steel Plant Manager

Following the much publicised delay to our Electric Arc Furnace Project at Llanelli, we are now proceeding urgently with this major development.

We wish to appoint a Manager for this new plant as soon as possible. He will be required to:

1) Participate fully in Consultation during construction and final planning.
2) Have major responsibility for selection manning, and training of supervisory and operative production personnel.
3) Commission and manage the Electric Steel Plant on completion.

Wide experience in all aspects of Managing Steel Production from Large High Power Arc Furnaces is essential.

Age range: probably 28-35

Salary: negotiable and in keeping with the importance and seniority of the appointment.

Other conditions of employment are excellent.

Please write giving brief but precise details of background and experience to:

Divisional Manager — Personnel Services
London Works Steel Co. Ltd.,
Tipton Road, Tividale, Warley,
West Midlands B69 3HU

DUPORT GROUP

Actuary

The Noble Lowndes Employee Benefits Division of the Lowndes Lambert Group Limited has a vacancy for an additional Principal Actuary at its offices in Croydon to participate in the expansion of actuarial services. The work is principally concerned with pension funds (both privately invested and insured) but the range of work is steadily widening.

The person appointed will be expected to lead on allocated assignments and to see them through to a conclusion within time and cost constraints. He, or she, will have personal responsibility for professional advice which will ultimately be made available by the Employee Benefits Division. The position requires some years of pensions experience, a responsible outlook, initiative and an acceptable personality.

Salary is negotiable but not less than £7000 per annum. There is a generous non-contributory pension scheme and other fringe benefits including luncheon vouchers, flexible working hours and a sports club.

Please write in the first place to: B. C. Coote, B.Sc., F.I.A., Actuary and Technical Director, Noble Lowndes Employee Benefits Division, Lowndes Lambert Group Limited, P.O. Box 144, Norfolk House, Wellesley Road, Croydon CR9 3EB.

Lowndes Lambert Group Ltd.

Noble Lowndes Employee Benefits Division

A Hill Samuel Company

OPERATIONS MANAGER

(Data Processing in Printing and Publishing)

to run our Aylesbury-based minicomputer system, to take charge of a small staff, to be responsible for estimating and controlling costs and schedules, and to negotiate with suppliers, liaise with clients, etc.

Experience in computer programming and systems analysis, with some project and personnel management, are essential. Desirable are: familiarity with programming in Assembler, with minicomputer systems, and with some aspect of publishing. Salary open to negotiation.

Apply with full curriculum vitae and current salary to Box 1592 S, The Times.

NORWICH SOLICITORS

A six-partner firm urgently require a DIVORCE SPECIALIST (Solicitor or Legal Executive) to run a well-established and busy Divorce Department. This is an outstanding opportunity for someone seeking a rewarding professional life in this pleasant city. Salary will be negotiable according to experience.

Please apply to:—

OVERBURY STEWARD AND EATON
3 Upper Kings St., Norwich
Tel.: Norwich 616481

County Prosecuting Solicitor's Department

ASSISTANT PROSECUTING SOLICITOR

£4,689-£5,250

Young Solicitors, including those newly admitted, wishing to gain valuable experience in the field of advocacy are invited to apply for the above post. The Department undertakes all prosecuting work for the Suffolk Police throughout the County from a central office in Ipswich. The successful applicant therefore will participate in a varied and interesting work load and will be encouraged to share fully in the responsibilities of the Department.

The commencing salary could be near the maximum of the range depending on qualifications and experience. Essential car user and subsistence allowances are allowed by the post. Removal expenses paid where appropriate.

Applications (accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope for reply) stating age, qualifications and experience, and the names of two referees should be sent to M. F. C. Harvey, County Prosecuting Solicitor, 170 Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP4 2PA, by 28th November, 1975.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

West Sussex County Council

SOLICITOR

We need a young solicitor here in Chichester, preferably with conveyancing skills and some consumer protection matters, and with a flair for advocacy. Some additional experience (not necessarily in local government) and a good honours degree are desirable and the person appointed will have to be a painstaking lawyer capable of working as a member of a team with the minimum of supervision. The duties are mainly legal, but with some administrative and Committee work.

Salary £5,105-£5,880 plus weighting (which will be reviewed in November), casual user car allowance and possibly staff housing.

Further details from County Secretary, County Hall, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1RQ. (This is a readvertisement and previous applications will be considered without re-application.)

Closing date 9th December 1975.

A CHALLENGING POSITION

with Hampstead Estate Agents
£5,000 plus p.a.

We require an able and experienced Negotiator to manage a thriving Residential Letting Department, dealing with high class furnished and unfurnished homes. The Sky is the limit for the right person.

If you've got what it takes, apply

Benham and Reeves 486 9822.

RESEARCH PSYCHOLOGIST

Preferably with clinical or educational qualifications, required by the N.S.P.C.C.'s National Advisory Centre on the Battered Child.
Salary £2,595.
Car provided.

For further details please telephone

Ruth Mitchell
01-361 1181

Closing date 30th November, 1975.

FULLY EXPERIENCED INHOUSE FUND RAISER

Urgently required for London based national educational establishment, male or female with proven record for contract period. Salary by arrangement.

Reply in confidence with curriculum vitae, to

HA/ADK
1 SLOANE ST.
LONDON, SW1X 9LA.

MARKETING MANAGER FAR EAST

We are a Company of international reputation marketing a leading range of compaction equipment to world-wide construction industries and are seeking a MARKETING MANAGER to take control of our Far Eastern operations.

The successful applicant, who will most probably be based in Manila or Singapore, will be responsible for activating sales both on a direct basis and through distributors, and will be responsible to our German Parent Company.

The position calls for aggressive sales ability, experience in construction equipment sales and a detailed knowledge of Far Eastern markets, in return for which a generous salary will be offered.

Interviews will be held in London in the first instar.

Box 1652S THE TIMES

PROJECT MANAGER

PROJECT MANAGER required by London based established professional firm, wishing to expand, their recently established project management service in U.K. and Overseas. Sound practical knowledge of construction industry and allied professional disciplines is essential.

Successful applicant will be directly responsible to a principal and be capable of working on own initiative from client's initial brief to project completion. In short technical knowledge and ability to manage people required.

Position is challenging and offers considerable scope for an ambitious man of the right calibre.

Terms of appointment by negotiation.

Applicants should address their reply to a principal giving full career details. All replies will be treated in strict confidence.

Write Box 1651 S, The Times.

WOODBRIDGE SCHOOL, SUFFOLK

APPOINTMENT OF HEAD

The Governors of Woodbridge Endowed School wish to appoint a Head in September, 1976, following the retirement of Mr. J. L. Rolland.

Woodbridge School, a member of the G.B.A., is a Direct Grant School which has declared for Independence. It has 488 pupils, of whom 123 are boarders (all boys) and 91 are girls. There are 166 pupils (boys and girls) in the Sixth Form. A Head's residence is provided.

Applicants must be University graduates.

Full particulars and Forms of Application may be obtained from The Bursar, Woodbridge School, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 4JH and should be returned not later than 15th December, 1975.

OXFORD PLAYHOUSE
Oxford University Theatre

ADMINISTRATOR required, who will be responsible for the management of the Playhouse and the arrangement of its programme. Users of the theatre include a resident professional company (Anvil Productions, Artistic Director: Gordon McDougall), undergraduate societies, visiting professional companies for drama, dance and opera.
Good professional experience in planning and financial control is essential and a University background is highly desirable.
Applications, with full curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of two referees, to the Secretary, Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, OXFORD OX1 2LW, from whom further details can be obtained.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS
Examination Secretary

£4473-£5105

The head of the Examination department will be leaving next year, it is hoped to appoint a successor to start on 4th February, 1976.
The post requires proven organising ability, preferably in examination routines and involves control of a staff of 8. Knowledge of medical terminology and computer application would be an advantage but can be acquired.
The college is in Regents Park, but near buses and tubes. Attractive conditions of service.
Apply in writing to The Secretary, Royal College of Physicians, 11 St. Andrews Place, Regents Park, London, NW1 4LE.

Appointments Vacant

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Nottingham
DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE
SENIOR LECTURER IN SOCIAL WORK

Applications are invited for appointment as SENIOR LECTURER in Social Work with effect from as soon as possible. The person appointed will be primarily responsible for the organization of the post graduate courses in Social Work under the general direction of the Head of the Department (Professor D. C. Marsh). Preference will be given to graduates who are professionally qualified and have had experience in the field and in teaching at post graduate level. Forms of application returnable not later than 1st December from the Staff Appointments Officer, University of Nottingham, University Park, Nottingham. Quoting reference number 421.

The University College of Wales
ABERYSTWYTH
DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY
JUNIOR RESEARCH ASSISTANT in Mineral Exploration

The research project is concerned primarily with the study of relationship between zones of mineralization and fracture patterns in epigenetic mineral deposits. In conjunction with the geological studies, the nature of transient voltage decay curves and profiles of induced polarization characteristics are being studied in order to improve the I.P methods of mineral exploration.
Salary: £1,160.
Applications should be submitted to the Registrar, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth by 28 November 1975.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

University of Warwick
LECTURESHIP IN ECONOMICS

Applications are invited for a Lectureship in the Department of Economics. The department would like to make an appointment in either Monetary Economics or International Economics or Econometric Theory but applications will be welcome from those working in other fields. The appointment will be tenable from a date to be arranged. The first date being 1st October, 1976. Salary on the scale £3,770 to £6,050 p.a. (under review). Initial appointments no higher than 1st point (£3,770 p.a.). Further particulars and application forms may be obtained from the Academic Registrar, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL, quoting Ref. No. 14 F 75. Closing date for receipt of applications is 12th December, 1975.

Birkbeck College
(UNIVERSITY OF LONDON)
Applications are invited for a
LECTURESHIP IN ECONOMICS

Preference will be given to candidates specializing in economics of underdeveloped countries or labour economics, but outstanding candidates from other fields will be considered. Initial salary up to £5,796 on scale £2,778 by £204 to £5,838-£6,050 p.a. plus £369 p.a. London allowance and £82.32 p.a. threshold payments. Further details and forms of application should be obtained from the Secretary (T), Birkbeck College, Malet Street, London, WC1E 7HX. Closing date: 12 December 1975.

THE SPORTS COUNCIL

THE SPORTS COUNCIL HAS A VACANCY FOR A
PERSONNEL OFFICER

who will head a small department throughout for staff recruitment, complementing, promotion, discipline, welfare and staff training.
Salary range £5,310 to £6,510 (reviewing in July and dependent upon allowance towards the cost of pension contributions).
Application forms and further information from:
PERSONNEL, THE SPORTS COUNCIL,
70 Brompton Road, London SW3 1EX.
Closing date 5 December, 1975.

APPOINTMENTS VACANT ALSO ON PAGE 8

ANTIOCH COLLEGE
YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO
seeks a Resident
DIRECTOR
for its London Centre from July 1. Graduate with administrative and educational experience to undertake responsibility for curriculum, financial management, staffing, and student welfare. Salary negotiable from £3,500 p.a. Applications, within 30 days to:
Antioch Centre for British Studies
40 Bedford Street
London WC2 9EU

FOCUS ON FINANCE & ACCOUNTANCY

When the faces around you are creased on the brow,

And the pages of figures loom greater each hour—

Then now is the time to decide that you need

To fill that vacancy your Accountant did leave—

The Times has the answer—a feature for you

On November 20th—on Accountancy too!

So . . . to book your space or for more information ring now:—

THE TIMES APPOINTMENTS TEAM
01-278 9161
Manchester: 061-834 1234.

Every Tuesday—£4,000 plus appointments
Every Friday—£6,000 plus appointments
For details, or to book your advertisement
Ring 01-278 9161

هكذا من الأصل

Christmas gift guide

For Everyone

HAVE A GOOD XMAS AND STAY SLIM TOO!

Buy for yourself—or your family a Hawkins Mini Path Special Slimming Machine and System and stay slim, look trim and feel terrific this Christmas and for years. Special Christmas offer, £16 off complete system only £123.75.
For complete details write to:
HAWKINS SLIMMING SYSTEMS
10-11 Waterloo Place, S.W.1.
01-839 5883.

THE GARDEN OF THE BELOVED
Robert Way.
Sheldon Press, £2.25
A BOOK OF SHEER DELIGHT

A DELIGHTFUL pastel portrait of your dog or pets from life or photograph £15.75.—Tel. 01-775 5581.

A FRAMED PRINT for Xmas? *Bring this advertisement to Blackman Harvey, at 29 Earlham St., W.C.2, and it will be worth £3 off all gifts valued from £7.50 upwards.* Come and see the Harmonograms of Ivan Moscovich. 01-836 1904.

ALL FLATS bright and beautiful, all dwellings great and small, whether you want to buy or rent. Kensington Flat Service has them all. 373 7315.

AN OMEGA FOR CHRISTMAS! Our free colour catalogue contains a superb range of world famous men's and ladies' watches. All available under *Preston's Free Credit Purchase Plan.* 1/10th nine equal payments. Save up to deposit. Balance over 38 weeks in 20 per cent on usual credit terms. Catalogue from Prestons, TT1, *Capital House, Churchgate, Bolton.*

APOLLO.—The International Monthly Magazine of art and antiques—a splendid all the year round Xmas gift. Annual subscription, £16 UK, £18 overseas, $48 U.S.A. Write Apollo, Bracken House, 10 Cannon St., London E.C.4.

CHESTERFIELDS in real hide, delivery by Christmas, up to 50% discount. Tara Reproductions. 802 9860.

DO YOU KNOW a poor sleeper? Give a country hop pillow with pure *English dried hops. The* safe, reliable way to relieve insomnia & nervous tension. Brochure: The Maltings (T.), Horsecroft Road, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

For Everyone

KHAN CARPETS
XMAS SALE

e.g. Best Bokhara, 6ftx4ft for £104. Best Bokhara 5ftx3ft for £60. Finest Persian 7ftx4½ft from £215. *Many other oriental* carpets in stock all at bargain prices.
Call in now at
KHAN CARPETS
3a Baker St., London, W.1
Tel. 486 4546/1316
Open all day Saturday

GIVE YOURSELF A CHRISTMAS TREAT

Visit our new elaborate showroom and beat inflation. We offer large discounts on our wide range of top brand suites. Choose from over 14 colours inc. corner baths in black, peony, penthouse and new sepia. Immediate delivery.
C. P. HART & SONS LTD.
4, 5 London Rd. & Newnham Terrace, Hercules Rd., S.E.1.
Tel.: 01-928 5866.

SPARKLING "Schloss Rheingarten", super value German fizz, medium dry at only £1.56 everywhere.

DEBENHAMS GIFT TOKENS.—*The perfect Christmas gift from your* local Debenhams store. Business and incentive gifts. Contact, 01-399 6601.

EVOE'S BEST POEMS. In My Old Days. E. V. Knox. £3 from Mrs. M. E. Knox, *7A Frognal Mansions, 97 Frognal, London NW3 6XT.*

FINE ART REPRODUCTIONS at wholesale prices. Choose from a fantastic range of beautiful framed pictures. Prices from about £8.00. 01-486 4777 for details. Ingram *Group Promotions.*

FISHERMEN'S JERSEYS in pure wool. "Alderney" with Alderney lion on chest. Aran white or navy blue. Virtually shower and windproof. 26in. and 28in. £6.80; 30in. and 32in. £7.80; 34in. and 36in. 8.35; 38in. and 40in. £9.25; 42in. and 44in. £10. Cash with order (p. and p. inc.). Channeljumper Co. (T), 8 *Brave St., Alderney, C.I.*

FLATTER SOMEONE with a Diary, from Frank Smythson of Bond Street, *write or telephone for list* at 54 New Bond Street, London W.1. 01-629 8558.

FRANK T. SABIN LTD. English prints and paintings, 18th and *early 19th century.* 4 New Bond St., London, W.1. Special Christmas Display of Old Prints. 01-499 5553. 9.30-5.30. Monday-Friday.

"GOURMET" Elegant American monthly has superb photographs, articles on gastronomy, world-*wide and unusual recipes.* An ideal Christmas gift. £3.75 p.a. (2 yrs. £7.50) from Abigail Books, Dept. T2, Portland Cottage, Buckham Hill, Uckfield, Sussex.

For Everyone

DESIGN FOR GIVING...

Rings, bracelets, chains, earrings, chokers, elegant fashion watches. All perfect gifts in gold or silver from £5.00. *See also our fine selection of Victorian and Antique jewelry.*
ATKINSON
4a Sloan Street, SW1.
01-235 3481
Facing Harvey Nichols
Open 6 days a week.

WIGS, HAIRPIECES, ETC. hand made from best European hair. *Confidential,* personal and quick service. International Hair Co. Ltd., 20 Newman St., London W1P 3HP. 01-636 1315.

THE HEDI FISHER Marriage Bureau has someone *for everyone.* Call us now. 589 2384.

LLADRO. An ideal gift. Lowest Price. Delivered free. Groome's of Chobham (09905) 7731.

JOSEPHINE FORD. floral decor *specialists for every occasion,* at 8 Lambs Conduit Passage, W.C.1. 01-243 7620.

KEEP DOWN THE COST OF GIVING! Send for Henningham's catalogue "Gifts 75". It's full of interesting gift ideas. Henningham & Hollis, 4 Mount St., *Berkeley Square, London W1Y 5AA.* Tel: 01-499 0064.

KEN LANE JEWELLERY makes the perfect *Christmas present.* 50 Beauchamp Place, S.W.3 and 30 Burlington Arcade, W.1.

KLONG. Treasures from Bali, Indonesia, China and Thailand. New shipments arrived. £1 upwards. 44 Parkway, N.W.1. 01-485 6846.

KUMAR CAMERAS *and HI-FI.* Special Sony Centre. Bargain Xmas Offers. 61 The Mall, Ealing, London. Tel. 567 6051.

LOOKING FOR A FLATMATE for Christmas? Your search ends here. Contact Executive Flat-sharers, 235 6188.

LOO ROLL HOLDER! *(Pine and old* pennies) £2.63 to Grandfather Clock (pine) £198.72. Send S.A.E. *for illus. leaflet of these* and other handmade original designs by Border Born Products, Elephant Green, Newport, Essex.

NIGHTSHIRTS in red, blue or green stripes with cap. Knee length, £6.50, ankle £6.99 plus 45p p. and p. Bedlam, 811 Fulham Rd., S.W.6. *01-731 2345.*

OBTAINABLES assure your Christmas entertainment. Book your Theatre, Panto or Concert tickets now. Entertainment in the *Festive season and all year round.* 839 8363.

PATRICK SEALE GALLERY. 2 Motcomb St., Belgrave Sq., S.W.1. 01-235 0934. 9.30-5.30. Sats. 10-1. Original graphics from £35.

THE TIMES CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE COMPETITION

Inside everybody there's a poet trying to get out...

Can you wax lyrical about the joys of Christmas?

Show off your writing skills, prove the pen is mightier than the sword and write a sonnet incorporating the words "The Times Christmas Gift Guide".

Go on, put pen to paper and have a chance to win any one of these five super prizes for yourself this Christmas!..

A PRESENTATION CHAMPAGNE
A magnum of Veuve Clicquot Champagne in a presentation ice bucket.

B WINE PACK
1 bottle Veuve Clicquot Champagne.
1 bottle Geisweiler Grand Vin 1970.
1 bottle Bodega Medium Sherry.
1 bottle Croft Distinction Port.

C PERFUME PACK
A 1 oz. atomizer of Madame Rochas perfume, with an orchid, in a presentation box.

D CIGAR PACK
25 Bolivar Bonitas Cigars.

E SMOKED SALMON PACK
A whole side of sliced Scotch smoked salmon, minimum weight 2 lbs. in sealed pack.

HERE'S HOW:

FIRST study the Guide carefully. THEN answer the following three simple questions (the answers are all in the advertisements in today's Guide).

1. Where can you get dressed on a shoe string?
2. Where can you get a mint stamp?
3. How could you spend a penny with a Grandfather clock?

Next use your creative skill and compose a sonnet that incorporates the words "The Times Christmas Gift Guide".

Then send us your sonnet, remembering to enclose your full name and address.

Three entrants must win every day the Guide is published. Closing date for today's competition, 3 days after today's date. Post this entry to: THE TIMES CHRISTMAS GIFT GUIDE COMPETITION, No. 2, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT.

The names and addresses of the winners will be published in The Times. The decision of the judges is final. All entries will be judged on their literary merits.



Prizes supplied by Unirise Ltd. 186 Campden Hill Road, London, W8 7TH.

A microscope for Christmas

There are hours of fascination in the magical miniature world a microscope reveals. It's one of the most wonderful (and worthwhile) presents for any child.

Cheap high-power microscopes may not be the good value they seem; a microscope must be built with precision to match its power. Our Special Offer microscope is the Offord X20, the microscope most popular with Junior and Middle schools. It comes complete with light unit (powered by two SP11 batteries not included) and a 28 page booklet about what to look at. It's easy to use—prepared glass slides are not necessary—and almost impossible to break.

The Offord X20 microscope costs £7.50 including postage. To order complete the coupon: UK addresses only, please. Orders received by December 8th will be despatched in time for Christmas delivery. Queries, *not orders*, to Chris Walker at New Printing House Square or on 01-837 1234 Ext. 7110.

Send to: Microscope Offer, 32 Wharf Road, London N1 7SD. XCG
Please send me .... microscope(s) at £7.50. I enclose crossed cheque/PO for £......... payable to Times Newspapers Limited.
Name ....
Address ....
.... Postcode
Reg. Office: New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EZ.
No. 894646, England.



Frank Herrmann

For Everyone

PERSONAL PRESENTS. Initialled, leatherbound pocket guides to London. Francis Chichester Ltd 01-493 0931.

PIANOS. The ideal Christmas gift and investment. London's largest selection at Samuel Pianos, 142 *Edgware Rd., W.2. 01-723 8818.*

PLEASE HELP THE WOOD GREEN ANIMAL SHELTER. 601 Lordship Lane, London, N.22 to again this year provide a Christmas dinner for stray and unwanted animals. All donations gratefully accepted.

PRINTS FOR PRESENTS at The *Tryon Gallery, 41 Dover St., London, W.1.* 01-493 5161. Mon-Fri. 9.30-6. Sat. Dec. only.

SEND A FRIEND A TREE for Christmas. Healthy young trees *delivered worldwide in time for* spring planting. Details: Interarbor Ltd., Castle Hedingham, Essex. Hedingham (0787) 60909.

TABLE TENNIS TABLES. Full size, £42.50, 8x4, £36.50 inc. illustrated leaflet. B & B Woodworking, 18a Hart St., Henley on Thames 6358.

TABLE TENNIS TABLES. Xmas gift, home club. Folding. Carr. paid. By experts. Alec Brook, 61 Bradford St., W.1. 486 2021.

THE FRENCH PICTURE SHOP. 60 Beauchamp Place, S.W.3. 01-584 6663. Beautifully framed decorative pictures. Mon-Fri. 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT. Mint condition bound books at around 1/2 the original published *price. Come in and see for yourself.* Bargain Books, 176 Regent St., London, W.1.

For Everyone

THIRTEEN ISSUES OF THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS. Send £3.60 *(£7 overseas) plus name/* address of recipient to ILN, 23-29 Emerald Street, London W.C.1.

UNLIMITED EDITIONS. £1-£12. Picasso to Lichtenstein. See our ad. *Friday. Prudhoe Gallery,* 79, Duke St., W.1. 01-629 6273.

VISITING LONDON? Luxury Service flats. Save on hotel bills. 333 Kings Road. Tel.: 352 3682.

VISIT THE PEWTER CENTRE. For a fine selection of bright and beautiful gifts.-87 Abingdon Rd., W8. 01-937 4118.

For The Children

BUDDING STAMP COLLECTOR in the family? Pacify him with a lot *of mint* G.B. stamps (£20 to £500) from Credric Lefalive, 58 Florence Park, Bristol 6. You name the price.

EARLEY LEARNING Catalogue. Outstanding toys and books for under-8s. Free copy: Earley Learning Centre, Rm. 13, 175 *Kings Road, Reading, Berks.*

LITTLE HORRORS—London's most exclusive children's clothes shop is having a Grand Sale *of all their* children's clothes from now until Christmas. 50% *off everything!* Open Tues.-Fri. and all day Saturday. Late night shopping *Wed. until 7 p.m.* 16 Cheval Place, London, SW7. 01-589 8289.

For The Children

STOCKINGFILLAS help you fill your children's stockings. Select from our exciting range of over 40 fun-packed toys for children *of all ages. Send S.A.E. for free* illustrated leaflet to Stockingfillas, 16A High Street, Tring, Herts.

For Her

A GIFT OF BEAUTY—for the favourite girls in your life. A new *make-up plus advice and instruction from Face Facts,* London, W.1. Phone Stephen Glass on 01-486 8287.

A SEWING MACHINE for Xmas. Get the *best—for less!! Up to 35%* discount. Price list by return or ring Sewtrims (CT), 123 Chase Side, London, N.14. 01-886 7510.

EMELINE JEWELLERY. 45 Beauchamp Place, SW3. 01-589 0552.

GIVE EAR PIERCING gift tokens from *Katherine Corbett, 21 South Molton St.,* W.1. Tel.: 493 5905 for details.

OCELOT, LEOPARD & MINK.—Noble Furs offer you a fabulous *selection in every price range for* women, men and children. Personal attention. Noble Furs, 183 Regent St. 734 6394.

SPECIAL OFFER. Mink Hats from £15; Mink handbags £25. Rema Furs, 18 Hanover St., W.1. 01-629 9563.

For Her

DESIGN FOR GIVING...

Rings, bracelets, chains, earrings, chokers, elegant fashion watches. All perfect gifts in gold or silver from £5.00. See also our fine selection of Victorian and Antique jewelry.
ATKINSON
4a Sloan Street, SW1
01-235 3481
Facing Harvey Nichols
Open 6 days a week.

VISIT THE R.S.N. SHOP. Everything for the embroiderer at the Royal School of Needlework, 25 Princes Gate, SW7. Private lessons. Mon.-Fri., 589 0077.

Wine & Dine

GOULASH STUBE. Austro-Hungarian restaurant, 363 Finchley Rd., 794 6787. Live Gypsy music. *New Year's Eve dinner and dance.* Recommended by Egon Ronay.

THE CIGAR THAT HAS EVERYTHING
For the man who has everything else



Many packings, sizes and prices to suit all smokers.
Available from all fine tobacconists

Wine & Dine

THE PANCAKE IS DEAD! Long live the My Old Dutch Pancakes. 17 St. Christopher's Place, Lon*don, W.1. (You'll never find it!)*

XMAS STAFF PARTIES at world famous "Borshtch 'n' Tears" restaurants, "Taming of the Shrew" and "Astor Nightclub". 01-235 1766.

Christmas Holidays

? SUNDANCE ?

The ideal gift for the one you love. Fly away to the sun. Holiday in Morocco in our delightful village with its white sugar cube chalets threading a eucalyptus grove. Ideal for those who wish to relax in a warm friendly atmosphere. For brochure phone Travel Workshop, 01-581 3592 (24 hours) ABTA.

£79 MOROCCO £79

CHRISTMAS—COUNTRY HOUSE WANTED. Are you going away and would you rent to civilized family who have valuable and spotless home themselves in London from Dec. 22 to Jan. 4th. 10 beds required.—Box 1471 S. The Times.

CHRISTMAS IN CRETE—68°. Hotel Crete can be yours for only £80 1 week or £100 for 2 weeks. Both incl. of sched. flight. Call in at Cosmopolitan Holidays, 296 Regent St., London, W.1 or tel. 01-637 5072 for this and other Winter Holidays. ABTA.

FOR ALL TRAVEL AT XMAS and in the New Year phone Clubair, 437 7364/439 6547, 32 Shaftesbury Ave., London, W.1 (Airline Agents).

SKIERS.—Superb staffed chalets and selected hotels in Verbier. For brochure, Chris Kenyon Holidays, Bayford 099286 316/327. Assoc. C.P.T. Atol 369BC.

BOMBAY THIS XMAS. Tel.: Top Flight, 402 9373 (airline agents).

CRETE XMAS, one week departing 20th December, inclusive of hotel and scheduled day flight, £85.—Boadicea Hellenic, 16 Thackeray St., Kensington, London, W.8. Tel. 01-937 4821. ATOL 789B.

FLAMINGO TRAVEL FOR XMAS *and New Year travel*.—Phone 439 7751/2 (Airline Agents).

UNITED AIR TRAVEL have availability on world wide Xmas flights.—Phone 01-439 2326/7/8 *(Airline Agents)*.

XMAS HOLIDAYS IN GREECE with The Greek Tourist Agency. Book now.—01-580 3152, 320 Regent St., W.1.

XMAS IN PROVENCE. Delectable country house to let until Spring. Also tiniest cottage. Tel. 01-589 5973.

For Him

BE WELL DRESSED on a shoe string. Visit Phyllis Kay, 258 Marylebone Rd., N.W.1. 486 2638. *Self model garments.*

FOR MAN who has everything! Refer back to 17 Nov. issue or forward to 24 Nov. issue. Superb Electric Stapler.

KAPP AND PETERSON, *makers of* the world's finest pipes are at their beautiful pipe centre at 3 Burlington Gardens, London, W1X 1LE. 01-439 2362—opposite the entrance to Burlington Arcade. Over 3,000 pipes in stock from £2-£200.

KEEP FATHER'S FEET WARM. Kilspindie & Munro-spun socks, 85p+. Good variety of colours. The Tolhouse, Jedburgh. Tel.: Jedburgh 2457.

NICHOLAS OF LONDON. A gift *of* membership for your man (and yourself) entitles you both to *unlimited use of its Knightsbridge* lounge and bar, gymnasium, and many other facilities. There are exclusive international boutiques and ladies' and gentlemen's expert hairdressing, also at other top London addresses. The membership fee is £85 and applications should be sent to 164 Sloane Street, SW1. Tel.: 01-235 7803/4.

WAR GAMES and military figures for the collector and war gamer. New Model Army, 373 High St. North, E12. 01-472 2508.

For The Home

REGENCY-STYLE HAND MADE
DINING ROOM SUITES
Occasional Furniture, Wine Tables, Nests of Tables, Bookcases, Corner cabinets, Desks, bureaux.
REPRODUCTION CASH & CARRY
Tower Galleries, 137, Hackney Road, E.2.
01-739 0040
Open Daily till six, Sunday till One.

DESIGNERS' GUILD have opened a Sale Shop at 44 Pimlico Rd., S.W.1. It will be open until Christmas ? ? ? ?

INVEST IN LEATHER. Chesterfields, wing chairs, etc. Best quality and largest stock in country at lowest prices. Open 7 days a week. Reading 332589.

WHEN YOUR PIPES ARE ICED and a plumber you need, call Around Town Plumbing for service and speed. 01-834 8936.

Tinderbox

TAMING THE JUGGERNAUTS

Report on the continuing conflict between the environmental disadvantages of heavy lorries and the need to keep down prices is featured in the November issue of The Illustrated London News, now on sale price 40p.

STREET ENTERTAINMENT—December. Organisers of Central London pedestrian Street programme for Christmas period would welcome suggestions from cultural and other charitable activities. Pavement artists, a hotbeds portrait cutters, players of musical instruments, etc., are also welcome.—Box 1453 S. The Times.

WIDEST SELECTION of Oriental Carpets direct from import house at Bargain prices. Up to 55 per *cent discount.* Choose from Gostakin, Chinese, Persian, Indian, Pakistani, Afghan, Russian, Rumanian and other oriental carpets.—C. P. Sinha, *Artillery Lane, London, E.1.* 247 9116.

Christmas Fare

CHRISTMAS GIFT packs of authentic Beaujolais. Full details from Roger Harris Wines, 10 Vicar *Street, Wymondham, Norfolk.*

HOME COOKED HAMS, super jars of boozy jam, Chinese jars of preserved ginger, stone flagons of wine, vinegar, stilton cheese in earthenware pots and casserole dishes, truckles of cheddar cheese and other smashing goodies to enrich your Xmas. Pamela Price, 26 The Pavement, Clapham Common, S.W.4. 622 6818.

JOHN ARLOTT describes his latest wine selections in our new Christmas list. Write to The Wine House, Free Post, Bourne End, Bucks, SL8 5BR for free copy.

LOCHINVAR SALMON—smoked the Scottish way. 1½lb £4.80, 2lb £6.05, 2½lb £7.55, 3lb £9, 3½lb £10.50, 4lb £11.70. Slices £4.9 per lb. Prices inc. p. & p. Rushed to you by first class post in our specially designed mailer carton. C.w.o. to Marine Harvest Ltd., Dept. T, Union Street, Aberdeen, Scotland AB1 1LJ. Tel. (0224) 27633.

SMOKED SALMON Scots Gift Pack post paid. Thinly sliced 8oz. £3.70, 1lb £4.85, 1½lb £7.15, 2lb £9, First-class post. Side 3lb £8.80 parcel post. Gift vouchers available at above prices. World-wide demand requires Xmas orders by 1st Dec.—Ritchie, Watergate, Rothesay, Scotland.

SUPERB SCOTCH *Smoked Salmon.* The perfect Christmas Gift. Attractively wrapped, with your own greeting enclosed. Whole Scotch Smoked Salmon sides: 1½lbs at £4.75; 2lb at £5.95; 2½lbs at £7.50; 3lbs at £8.95; 3½lbs at £10.50. Sliced at £4.85 lb. Needhams, Dept. RH, Pontypool, Mon. NP4 6JW.

YE OLDE ORIGINAL Melton Hunt Cake. A rich fruit cake famous for over 120 years. Packed in *3lb. 10oz. full colour carton,* £4.20 p.p. from Dickinson & Morris Ltd., Melton Mowbray, Leics. LE13 1NW.

1960/63 VINTAGE PORTS from £2.99. Free delivery on cases. D.R.M., 82 George St., W.1. Tel. 486 7729.

SOUTH AFRICAN SHERRY
£13.90 per dozen bottles
£14.25 per mixed cases
RENASANS (Pale Dry)
ONZERUST (Medium Dry)
MYMERING (Pale Extra Dry)
GOLDEN ACRE (Rich Golden)
Prices include VAT and delivery on UK mainland.
Write for details
JEFFERY PHILLIPS (Wine Merchant) LTD.
5d South Street, Pennington Hampshire SO4 8DX

Secretarial and General Appointments

GENERAL

SONY
Bilingual Showroom Hostess

We need a charming young lady to add the finishing touches to our luxurious international showroom in Regent Street, London W1.

She will be assisting the public with their enquiries and, as they come from all over the world, she must have a knowledge of European languages. She will also be involved in general administration to ensure the smooth running of the showroom. The salary will be in the region of £2,150 (inclusive of London Weighting Allowance) plus Luncheon Vouchers to the value of £1.50 per week, and the hours will be 9.30 to 6. Benefits include generous staff discounts on all of our products and a Pension and Life Assurance Scheme.

If you would like to become a valuable member of our friendly team why not write, giving details of qualifications and experience, to: The Showroom Manager, Sony (UK) Ltd. 134 Regent Street, London W1.

MAYFAIR ESTATE AGENTS

require attractive efficient Receptionist/PA, preferably in her twenties, to assist in the day-to-day running of busy office. £2,300 p.a. Phone 586 3111, Ref. NS.

MARKET INTELLIGENCE. The Market Intelligence Division of Acumen Marketing Group requires an Executive to produce market reports on a wide range of consumer and industrial product fields, using desk research and telephone interviewing techniques. The successful candidate will have worked in the marketing department of a manufacturer or advertising agency, or will have held a similar position in a marketing or financial organisation. There may be some travel to Europe and applicants will preferably speak two or more European languages, salary £3,000-£3,500 for suitable applicant. We will also consider part-time or freelance personnel with similar qualifications. Write to Frances Berenfeld, Acumen Information Service, 217-218 Tottenham Court Rd., London W1P 9AF.

DENTAL NURSES urgently required. Mayfair Nursing Service, 124, Brompton Road, London, S.W.3. Tel 01-589 4800, 4806, 4809.

ASH needs Assistant Director.—See General Vacancies.

AGE 30-40. P.A. domesticated run Banker's cottage. Driver. Excellent post, live-in. Harrom, 76 Alexandra Park Rd., N.10.

YOUNG FINLAND

needs a cheerful girl with some sales experience for their new tots boutique opening soon in Pimlico.
Salary and commission.
Ring 01-346 6807.

TO £3,000
FOR ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT

in our Holborn office. Exp. to T.B. plus some credit control. This is a super job for a mature lady. Please ring me right away and I'll tell you all about this or other jobs that may be just right for you.
KATE WILMOT 256 0641
ACCOUNTANCY ENGAGEMENTS

RECEPTIONIST/TYPIST (around 40 w.p.m.) with warm outgoing personality for *City Advertising* Agency. Knowledge of audio useful. Excellent fringe benefits *including L.V.s, season ticket* scheme, etc. Age 25-plus. £2,000-plus neg. Hours 9.30-5.30. For more details call Pat Hillier, 337 The Strand, W.C.2. 836 2876, *or our Kensington office,* 937 6525. CENTACOM STAFF.

YOUNG INTELLIGENT WOMAN wanted to take charge of the removal of family from large flat to large house and do all the liaison work between builders, decorators, architects, etc. Temporary position, 3-4 hours per day (hours to suit). Salary for 5-*day week £20-£25 plus expenses.* —Telephone: 01-629 6981.

GENERAL

FINANCIAL PLANNING
ST. ALBANS
c. £5,000

We are currently recruiting on behalf of clients for a financial planning manager. The position involves the preparation of financial plans and forecasts, regular analysis of sales and variance against plans, *maintenance and appraisal* of product cost and pricing and financial feasibility studies. *The successful applicant, who* could well be a woman, will be required to become involved in the supply and demand of the product and will have use of the in-house computer. He or she should possess a degree, business studies or accounting qualification and will have a minimum of three years relevant experience and proven interpreting skills.

Please contact Fiona Stephens on 01-584 7615
GRADUATE GIRLS AND GRADUATE MEN

FEMALE LIAISON OFFICERS
£2,400 +

Two level-headed young ladies 20+ as *admin liaison officers* for go ahead organisation in St. James's area. Variety of functions requiring confidence with people, good typing, 50 w.p.m., *organization skill and* ability to take supervisory role. 4 weeks and 4 days holiday. Flexi-time. Excellent allowances.
Phone P. Costello
353 9183
CLA MANAGEMENT

MUSICAL ASSISTANT

required with "A" level musical knowledge and good *typing.* This interesting job involves handling amateur performing rights *for major musical shows.*
Offices: Russell Square.
Commencing salary £2,400 plus L.V.s. Hours 9.30 to 5.30 and initially 3 weeks holiday rising to 4 weeks after 1 year's service. Pension and sick pay *schemes.*
Please telephone Mr Chesher 01-636 8521.

PA—An experienced, mature (30-35) PA req'd by MD of small furnishing co close to London Bridge. Typing ability essential. Salary approx. £3,300 p.a. Phone Mr McGee, Paterson Agency, 248 2242.

HAVE YOU GOT sales ability, enthusiasm, sense of humour, sincerity, sense of urgency, perseverance and mature outlook. If so you will make a good Manageress or Interviewer. Miss Beswick, 404 5691. Al Staff.

FRENCH SPEAKING Governess, Teheran. See Domestic Sits.

GENERAL

MATURE SALES NEGOTIATOR

If you can work on your own and enjoy elegance in *your surroundings,*

If you have flair and initiative and enjoy dealing with people...

a unique opportunity exists for you as a sales negotiator in one of our super show flats. Previous experience would be preferable and typing is essential.

Hours are 9.30-5.30 Monday-Friday.
Salary negotiable.
For further details contact
T. MOROSS,
01-409 3100

RECEPTIONIST

to join Graduate Girls and Graduate Men, the Recruitment Consultancy in Knightsbridge. If you are 17-plus, can operate a PMBX 1/18 switchboard, have at least 40 w.p.m. typing, are bright, adaptable, and able *to talk to people at all levels,* we need you.
Please telephone JOY BERGER
on 584 3615

RECEPTIONIST

required by leading West End *Advertising Agency.*
Applicants should be 25 plus, well groomed, with a pleasant personality and excellent telephone manner.
Good—*salary, dress allowance* and L.V.s.
Please ring Mrs Westwell.
01-437 4313.

OFFICE CO-ORDINATOR for firm of Management Consultants. Good secretarial skills + the ability to delegate and a flair for *administration essential.* Smart appearance. Age 28+. Salary to £3,000. Full details from S.S.S. Women Appointments, 01-242 5055.

ACADEMIC BOOKSELLERS seek able typist (accuracy preferred to speed) to help in N.W.1 mail order office. Approx. £1,925 p.a. For application forms ring Maureen Galutin 01-483 8621.

BOOKKEEPER/TYPIST wanted to take charge of accounts in Trial Balance. Full-time and part-time applications considered. Clapham Common area. 01-622 3136.

GIRL FRIDAY for photographer with at least 2 years' experience in London studio. Bookkeeping, props, etc., stills and TV.—Box 1510 S. The Times.

IRELAND HOUSE SHOP. 150 New *Bond Street,* requires temporary staff for Christmas. Also some permanent vacancies. Please telephone 493 6219.

GENERAL

ARE YOU TAKING STOCK OF YOUR CAREER?

We can help you if you are:—
LOOKING for career satisfaction?
DEVELOPING your career prospects?
FACING redundancy?
MOVING to a second career?
RETURNING to work?
CONSIDERING new qualifications?

For more than 10 years we *have helped many thousands of* all ages through our professional assessment. Phone or write now for full details and free brochure:

CAREER ANALYSTS
90 Gloucester Pl., London, W.1.
01-935 5452/3, 24 hrs.

SECRETARIAL

TEAMWORK IN TEXTILES

Small international textile agency in London, W.1, requires really well qualified, *experienced Secretary* who genuinely wants to work hard and be part of small team where everyone is prepared to do anything from filing to visiting customers in England or abroad.
Salary £2,000-£2,500.
Box 1509 S The Times.

START UP A BANK

Thoroughly sensible, flexible Sec-P.A. needed URGENTLY *to cope with starting up a* City branch. 25+. £3,000 to start. Ring Matilda Macintyre, 588 0174.
M. & J. PLUSONNEL

£3,000 AT 21

awaits the really top-class, highly-skilled young Secretary within City Bank, working for a Senior Executive and his Assistant who deal with foreign affairs. Her duties would include much telephone work, *itineraries, etc. Good promotion* prospects, free BUPA.
MONICA GROVE & ASSOCIATES
01-589 6601

GENERAL FACTOTUM.—neither dogsbody or girl Friday—with shorthand and little bookkeeping wanted to run office of a con*struction company in W.1, c.* £2,400. Telephone Geo's Recruitment. 494 6101.

SMALL international publishing company, High St. Kensington, requires *secretary/receptionist. Good administrative capabilities* essential. Salary according to age and experience. Telephone 937 8425.

SECRETARIAL

MERROW AGENCY
for
BILINGUAL SECRETARIES
French Translator. W.11 £3,500
P.A. with languages: W.8 To £3,000
Secretary with Spanish: City £2,800
Interpreter Sec., German: City £2,800
Sec., fluent Italian: City £ neg.
and many others
01-636 1487

A MATTER OF TIMING!

Sometimes we can help immediately, sometimes eventually, but time is no object when it's a matter of helping *you choose the top job exactly* right for you.
Coffee's ready—Welcome!

JOYCE GUINESS BUREAU
21 BROMPTON ARCADE,
BROMPTON ROAD,
KNIGHTSBRIDGE, S.W.3.
(Brompton Arcade is a few steps from Knightsbridge Tube Station, Sloane St. exit)
589 8807/0010
THE place for top jobs!

SMOOTH RUFFLED FEATHERS
£2,900

Do you enjoy relating to people at all levels? Opportunity to join this international organisation in a supportive secretarial capacity to the vice-chairman who *handles PR side.* Three weeks' holidays. £3.75 LVs, plus lovely offices.
Call Patricia Litchfield today on 353 0881.
OFFICE OVERLOAD,
61 Fleet Street, EC4.

PA/ADMINISTRATOR

for international youth work organisation based Euston. A marvellous job for a committed person. Typing essential. Travel in UK and Europe for right *person.*
£2,500 neg.
3½ weeks holiday.
Please phone Secretary, General British Youth Council 01-387 5882.

CONFIDENTIAL AUDIO SECRETARY (30 plus) to become key member of small team involved in Planning Marketing Research *in S.W.1 Co.* Salary £2,700 plus excellent perks. For details ring Peter Holwill, 581 1251. WETTON STAFF CONSULTANTS.

LEGAL SECRETARIES. For widest *choice it's always Covent Garden* Bureau. 353 7696.

FRENCH LANGUAGE! Customer liaison post in Fashion for dual mother tongue secretary. Tel. Richard Courtenay, Euro Consultants International, 73 Newman St., W.1. 636 1464 (24 hours).

SECRETARIAL

TRILINGUAL P.A.
£3,500 + AND BONUS
FRENCH/GERMAN/ENGLISH

Extensive travel to Paris, *Rome,* Amsterdam and other European cities.
President of American firm requires P.A.
Secretarial skills required.
Beautiful Chelsea office.
352 4892

SECRETARY/P.A.

required by Chief Executive Architect of newly formed architectural unit of National Charity, currently seeking offices in S.W.1 area. Interesting and varied work requiring initiative. Salary negotiable.
Write or ring Deirdre Alsey
Professional Services for Charities Ltd.,
157 Waterloo Road
London, S.E.1
Ring: 01-928 4377

NEWSPAPER LADY
£2,800

Involvement with top manage*ment plus all the responsibility* you can handle as PA/Sec. to Company Secretary and Account Director. Flexibility and flair for admin. more important than speed. shorthand necessary.
For more details, contact Patricia Litchfield now, 353 0881.
OFFICE OVERLOAD,
61 Fleet Street, EC4.

WE ARE IN HIGH SPIRITS!

Over a super job. At last a real opportunity to use your French bilingual skills including shorthand. Excellent Spanish would also be much appreciated. Do you exist at 23+? He travels and you hold the fort in the City. Salary c. £2,400.
Ring Anna or Andrea on 584 4223, N.H.

£2,850. Interesting, varied post in small office, E.C.1, for well qualified secretary with good shorthand/typing and abundant commonsense. Age 25 to 40. Hours 9.30-5.30. Pleasant personality essential. Telephone Miss Dunbar, 253 8202.

£2,900 SEC./P.A. to work in European division of W.1 oil co. £2.50 L.V.s + 4 weeks holidays. Al Staff. 404 5691.

CHILDREN'S WELFARE. £2,700. S.E.1. Mature Sec. to assist Specialist—lots of admin. 589 5934—Just the Job.

SECRETARIAL

YOUNG SECRETARY IN PUBLISHING

Large Publishers in the heart *of Mayfair need a bright young* Secretary 19+, with competent skills, knowledge of French and/or German would be useful. *Salary up to £2,300.*
BERNADETTE OF BOND ST.
(no 55—next door to Fenwicks)
01-629 3669

GIVE & TAKE

MANAGING DIRECTOR IN MAYFAIR
needs right hand girl.
Firstly, the girl has to be a good secretary (with shorthand), and able to work on her own.
Secondly, working in a small, luxurious office where sometimes it is very busy and other times extremely quiet, she needs to be adaptable. Salary is £2,300 plus and hours 9.30 to 5.
Phone 01-499 1616

STELLA FISHER IN THE STRAND

Enjoy progressive, well-paid work: a wide choice of lifestyles through Industry, Commerce, the Professions, etc., for Secretaries, Audio and Copy Typists and Clerks.
STELLA FISHER BUREAU
110/111 Strand, WC2.
01-836 6644

CIRCA £3,000
SEC/PLANNING ANALYST

Newly created position within large engineering company based at Alperton, *for respon*sible and *intelligent person aged* 25-40. Good admin ability essential, plus sec. skills. Hours 8.15-4.30. 4 weeks holiday. Tel: Dunlop and Badenoch *(Agy),* 35 Lime Street, E.C.3. 623 3344/676.

BRIGHT Shorthand Typist required for Publications Department, Royal Society of Medicine. Friendly informal atmosphere, pleasant W.1. Office [illegible] Apply [illegible] 580-2070.

£3,000+ Secretary [illegible]

SECRETARY [illegible] £3,000 [illegible] 01-486 [illegible]

SECRETARIAL

SENIOR SECRETARY
CIRCA £3,000

The Senior Partner of an International Co. near St. Paul's requires a highly skilled and attractive Secretary. He is a dynamic and very busy man and needs someone 25/35 who has the personality and the ability to deal with top level people and generally cope with this super but demanding job.
BERNADETTE OF BOND ST.
(no 55—next door to Fenwicks)
01-629 3669

TWO BUSY TV PRODUCERS

are looking for a bright, reliable. Super girl to look after them! Must be able to run the office in their absence and type accurately.
Lovely job—fabulous surroundings £2,000
PATHFINDERS
629 3132

OFFICE COORDINATOR PA TO MD

We are looking for a top-class Secretary with shorthand to work for the Managing Director of a management consultancy largely specialising in international assignments. She will also be responsible for administering the office and co-ordinating the activities of a total staff of 9. Salary up to £3,000 p.a. a.a.e. For more information please telephone Mr Miller, 493 3787. Gordon Yates Ltd., 35 Old Bond St., W.1.

AUDIO/SEC/LITIGATION

Young Partner requires competent 25-35 years old. Modern offices in medium size firm. Grays Inn Road. Good salary.
Ring Mr Webber:
278 4121

THAT'S A NICE VAN ... Bond St. [illegible] lady who's [illegible] odd. Chinese [illegible] skills essential. £3,500. ACORN 493 [illegible]

EXCELLENT shorthand/typist for City Bank. £3,000. [illegible]

CONSERVATIVE M.P. needs [illegible] mornings only. [illegible]

SECRETARY PLUS [illegible]

SECRETARIAL

BUSINESS SECRETARY
HOLBORN

...ons are invited from secretaries who combine ...ic skills with a genuine interest in international ...handle the secretarial requirement of two senior Team Managers.
...the European Headquarters Unit of an Interna... ...hemical group and ourselves combine a profes... ...proach with a friendly working atmosphere. ...a congenial office situation, a salary at the head ...t London rates and four weeks' holiday per year.

Please contact Mr. B. C. C. Compton,
Personnel Officer,
Chesterfield House,
Barter Street, London WC1A 2TP.
Telephone 686 8844.

SECRETARY/PA
...DON £3,000 plus

...Director of Finance of a country-wide retailing ...on, based in a modern block in the centre of ...

...ssful candidate, a mature and experienced secre... ...be responsible for ensuring *the smooth running* of ... Candidates, ideally in their late thirties, should ...od administrative and management abilities, with ...e shorthand and typing. They should be capable ...ng meetings and dealing with minutes and docu... ...d should have had experience of schedule typing. ...on will carry a salary of at least £3,000; other ...clude a contributory pension scheme and luncheon ...

...te with full details, these will be sent direct to ... List separately any companies to which your ...should not be sent. Ref. A.1112.

CONFIDENTIAL RECRUITMENT
17 Stratton Street, London W1X 6DB

...rd College ...ity of London)
...RTMENTAL ...RETARY
...ve vacancy will ...in the department ...RAPHY (Head: ...U Cooke). The ...a high level of ...y in this small ... Good secretarial ...ial. Own office and ...pewriter. Pleasant ...s in Regent's Park. ...le range £2,700- ... 5 day week. 4 ...al holidays. Appli... ...ting usual c.v. and ...tails to, Assistant (Personnel), Bed... ...e, Regent's Park, ...1 4NS.

...ESE BANK
...ISTANT TO ...T MANAGERS
...figures, good typ... ...evel education and ...tock exchange or ...arket experience. ...ant, modern office, ...ank station. Salary ...p to £2,900 plus ...ls.
01-623 5661

...CHANCE TO ...UR FRENCH ...R GERMAN
... assistant director ...tment at a major ...nk. Calls for clever ...ary with first class ...plus a good work... ...e of French Ger... ...f telephone work ...enerous bank type ...perks, plus a good ...y. Miss Lamb, ...LLONERS ...Lane, E.C.4 ...88 9471

...E TRADE
...quired for Sales ...d Branch Manager ...wine company in ...20-45. Must be ...intelligent, possess ...Circa £2,400. Tel.: ...(Badenoch (Agy.). ...E.C.3.
...3544/5/6

...OWN OFFICE for pro... ...in W.1. Intelligent ...with good typing ...not essential) respon... ...irculation, administra... ...mittee work, etc. ...nica Grove & Assoc..

...ATE AGENTS (Brook ...Young P.A./Sec. ...help run commercial ...Ref. G. A. William... ...3323.

A NEW JOB WITH A NEW COMPANY THAT'S GOING PLACES!
Wonderful opportunity for a really efficient young Secretary at the recently established central London office of a well known American firm. Interesting and responsible role involving setting up new systems. Plenty of scope for personal development. Starts at around £2,800. For further details ring:
JOANNA KNIGHT, EXECUTIVE CONSULTANT,
THE CHALLONER SERVICE,
TOP APPOINTMENTS DIVISION,
19/23 Oxford St., London, W.1. 01-437 9030.

VARIETY OF THE JUNIOR SECRETARY
Secretaries aged 19-21 with good skills now have opportunities to use their initiative. We have 2 vacancies in Personnel departments of major commercial companies; and another for consulting engineers, and non-commercial professional institute, also in public relations and advertising. Salaries £3,000 negotiable a.a.e.
SUSAN HAMILTON PERSONNEL
33 St. George's Street, W.1. 01-499 5406.

ASSIST ON THE INTERNATIONAL SALES SCENE AT AROUND £3,000
Key executive at major oil company responsible for international sales, Middle East, Africa, etc. needs an intelligent young Secretary with top basic skills to whom he can safely delegate a wide range of interesting tasks.—Miss Fox, CHALLONERS, 116 Newgate Street, E.C.1. 606 3924.

AUDIO SEC.
£2,500
to work with Partner of small friendly Fleet St. firm. Age immaterial.
Tina
242 2691.
CLAYMAN AGENCY,
31/33 High Holborn, W.C.1.

PARTNER in Park Lane Surveyors, needs Secretary. £2,500 + £150 bonus after 4 months. 01-499 6631.

SECRETARY for M.D. in S.E.5. He's a young live wire who you will respect.—£2,800 to start.—Just listen on 493 2908.

SECRETARIAL

SECRETARY
TO GROUP FINANCIAL CONTROLLER
£2,700

We are one of the world's largest building services' engineering organizations with our head office in Tavistock Square, close to Euston.

Our Financial Controller is looking for someone aged around 30 with good shorthand and typing (some schedule typing will be required) together with the experience and initiative to deal with routine matters. You will have your own office and an I.B.M. Golfball.

For full details please telephone or write to

Mrs. J. Parr,
HADEN CARRIER LTD.
7/12 Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.
Tel. 01-387 1288.

Green Park SECRETARY
Up to £2,800 plus free lunch.

Required by Manager in major international company in West End. Good educational standards and speeds. Preferred age 21-35. Excellent staff amenities and some paid holiday this year.

Please ring 01-629 8867 ext. 200.

PA/SECRETARY £2,500 neg.
Director of a small company in Bond Street dealing with Executive Recruitment, seeks a *P.A./Secretary. She will have a very free hand in the running of the office, a lot of telephone work and a lot of people contact.*

Please telephone GILLY MART
on 01-584 3615

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

P.A. IN PUBLISHING
P.A. Secretary required for chairman of educational publishers specializing in modern languages but moving into other fields. Varied and responsible position, including minute taking. Good English, initiative and experience essential; good shorthand typing. Knowledge of French an advantage. 4 weeks' holiday: salary negotiable.
Apply with c.v., Miss Castle, Mary Glasgow Publications, 140 Kensington Church St., London W8 4BN 01-229 9531.

WINES AND SPIRITS
Capable and intelligent Secretary, of at least 23 years of age, required for Chairman of public company of wine and spirit importers. Pleasant City offices. Interesting work involving contact with foreign principals.
Would suit a mature-minded person.
Salary negotiable not less than £3,500, plus LVs, and staff discount.
Please telephone:
ELIZABETH BRIDLE ON
01-253 7646

DESIGNERS
(No Shorthand)
Your chance to work alongside a team of talented Graphic Designers as their Secretary. Good layout and typing essential but no shorthand. Needless to say gorgeous offices, young friendly people, free lunches. £2,400.
ADventure, 499 8992

"DRIVE" he said. Lady with skills secretarial needed by an economic adviser to a major motor manufacturer. Duties are in the main non-secretarial. You'll be based near Baker St. and will earn in the region of £2,700 ACORN. 409 2908.

SENIOR SEC for partner in leading City co. Deal with personnel. Important and confidential work, client contact. £2,800 + L.V.s. plus free travel, plus pension and life assurance schemes, plus 4 weeks holidays. RAND. 242 1811.

HARLEY STREET. Skin specialist requires efficient secretary capable of running his busy and interesting practice. Salary £2,500. Telephone 935 9727.

ADVERTISING
Ideal opportunity for the secretary wishing to become involved in the complete function of account handling. Duties include plenty of telephone liaison, arranging meetings, direct client contact and co-ordination of activities with other depts. in the agency. Good sec. skills and the ability to act on own initiative. Salary £2,400 plus 3 weeks hols. Call Judy Wood, 493 1888.
BRIEF ENCOUNTER

PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS?
Are you interested in Advertising, Publicity and Cosmetics? All this awaits you in this West End French Company. You will be dealing with Paris daily as Secretary to the Publicity and Public Relations Department. You will enjoy speaking to people on all levels and be able to utilize your lively personality. A salary of £2,400 negotiable plus discounts. If you have secretarial skills, ring Marilyn Gee, 734 0911.
DRAKE PERSONNEL
225 Regent Street, W.1.

GRADUATE SECRETARY YOUTH AFFAIRS
- Organise courses.
- Travel in U.K. and abroad.
- Work on international projects with other young graduates.

Demanding appointment for shorthand-typing graduate in N.W.1. £2,500 p.a.
COVENT GARDEN BUREAU
53 Fleet St., E.C.4
01-353 7696

PERSONNEL OPPORTUNITY to £2,700 plus perks for Sec./P.A. (21 plus) seeking responsibility and involvement. Essential qualities are sensible thinking, organisational flair and discretion. For details: Ring Peter Holwill 581 1254 WETTON STAFF CONSULTANTS.

INTERNATIONAL COMPANY, N.1. Secretary/shorthand typist required for Group Accountant. Previous similar experience desirable but not essential. Salary not less than £2,000, good working conditions. Telephone Mrs Shaffer, 01-253 5621.

SECRETARIAL

LOOKING FOR A REAL CHALLENGE?
As the Executive Secretary P.A. to the Director of a National Charity, you will certainly experience real challenge every working day.
Sufficient dedication is essential to become deeply involved in the broad and fascinating spectrum of the Director's work, including projects both in the UK and overseas. Maturity is equally important—40 is the lower age limit. Clearly, highly developed secretarial skills are called for, together with sound administrative experience and capacity to organise a particularly hectic office where pressures are continual and often intense.
Good salary negotiable plus three weeks holiday, pension and life assurance schemes.
Please write in confidence to Frank Baker, PO Box 3 Un, London W1A 4LR quoting ref. J1V and stating present earnings.

SECRETARY P.A.
£2,493-£3,003
Proficiency allowances up to £225 payable
A competent Secretary/P.A. of cheerful disposition with good organising ability is required to support and help Manager run a busy Sterile Supplies Department serving the South Camden Health District. This interesting and varied post calls for tact, initiative and flexibility. We require a person preferably over 25 years with good formal skills and some administrative flair. Pleasant working conditions and congenial atmosphere. 3½ weeks holiday plus 6 Bank Holidays. Subsidised restaurant and staff social club.
Please write giving full particulars to Mr J. C. St George, St Pancras Hospital, 4 St Pancras Way, London NW1 OPE.

M.D.'S SECRETARY
£3,500
A confidential Secretary with first class experience at senior level is required by the newly appointed Managing Director of a well known International Company based in Millbank. The right girl must have sufficient poise to deal happily with high ranking Executives in the public and private sector. Age 25+.

SENIOR SECRETARIES
173, New Bond St., W.1. 01-499 0092: 01-493 5907.

OIL STRIKE AFRICA
£3,000
This American oil company has a great opportunity for a top-notch PA Sec. Working for one boss who's in charge of the Africa sector of this companies operations. You'll have responsibility and involvement in a very interesting field. The ability to deal with people confidently and make decisions in the boss's absence is essential. Age 24+. For more information call Maureen Barnes:
637 3787
Prime Appointments

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION (National Federation: Headquarters Victoria) needs young, well-educated and self-assured Secretary/Assistant (minimal shorthand content) for busy "people-orientated" post with potential. Ideal age 23 to 24. Starting salary to £2,600 p.a. plus benefits.—Massey's Executive Selection, 100 Baker Street, London W.1. 01-935 6581.

YOUNG SECRETARY with 1-2 years experience required for young Executives responsible for the chartering side of smallish shipping company. Lots of involved telephone work and the opportunity to play a real part in the administrative work of chartering. To £2,400.—Monica Grove & Assoc., 589 6601.

MOTHER FIGURE? Bi-lingual Sec. with German mother-tongue, but only English shorthand to handle 3 men—use own initiative! £2,500+, plus L.V.s. RAND Bilingual Division, 589 4545.

MARKETING ORIENTATED girl to assist with administration, research and general office organization. Shorthand essential in this otherwise non-secretarial post. To £3,000.—Bond St. Bureau, 499 1558.

TO £3,500 + discounts + meals/wine as P.A. to Financial Director of major group. First-class experience. Financial orientation and good grooming essential. Full details from N.S.B. Womens Appointments. 01-242 5056.

HARPERS AND QUEEN magazine needs a Secretary for its advertisement department; good shorthand and typing and happy personality essential.—Please ring Annette Savin-Taylor on 834 2331.

CITY INVESTMENT BANKERS are seeking a P.A./Secretary for 2 Senior Associates. This is an interesting job involving responsibility and initiative. £2,800 negotiable. Jaygar Careers, 730 5148.

P.A./AUDIO TYPIST/GIRL FRIDAY! To £3,000. Excellent chance for artistically minded girl in Mayfair Interior Designers. Variety plus and contact with classy clients.—Brook St. Bureau. 937 5115.

EDUCATIONAL management advisory body needs Secretary for 2 advisers; good skills important, together with an out-going personality; languages an asset; £2,500 neg. + LVs.—London Town Bureau, 836 1994.

WELFARE ORGANIZATION! Important and rewarding work for a senior secretary. Job includes supervising the shorthand/typists. Nice people. Early finish. £2,800.—Brook St. Bureau, 629 1203.

AUDIO SECRETARY required by busy architect, to be responsible for the work of his team; preferred age group 30-40; office close to Victoria Station.—Please telephone 01-730 9633.

MEDICAL.—Full and part-time Secretarial vacancies. Contact Mrs Pickles, Medical and General Agency, 6 Paddington Street, London, W.1. Telephone 01-935 2097.

£2,400 NEG. Sec. for 2 young property men in Piccadilly. S H required and they don't mind if you commence as a temp. for a few weeks. Bligh Group. 493 8755.

INTERNATIONAL Banking Group seek confidential Secretary for top man. First-class skills and logical mind. Salary negotiable from £5,000. Monica Grove & Assoc. 381 2097.

ADVERTISING AGENCY MANAGING DIRECTOR requires Secretary. Excellent secretarial skills plus ability to work with small team. 20-plus. Good salary. Phone 01-437 1071.

HARLEY STREET Consultant Surgeon requires experienced Medical Secretary. Age 30 plus. To £2,900. M. & S. Agency. 629 2321.

SECRETARY required for small young Nottinghill Gate based firm of chartered surveyors. Salary £2,250 p.a. negotiable. Tel. 229 8115.

AMERICA. P.A./SECRETARY for Oil President. Some French and travel. Board level. Highest salary for top girl, around £3,800. 580 7011. TIPS.

ENFIELD! International toiletries co needs bi-lingual English French PA, 22-35 to join Marketing Director. Good English formal skills, fluent French, possibly third language. Strong feminine interest. Some travel to France and Germany. £3,000 p.a., 10 per cent bonus, discounts, fringe benefits. Joyce Guiness Bureau. 589 8807/0010.

MUSIC? Secretary for Pop to Classical Publishing Co. Must be attractive for social events. Tel. Richard Courtenay, Euro Consultants International, 73 Newman Street, W.1. 636 1454.

SECRETARIAL

YOUNG P.A./SEC. FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS
Lots of involvement here for a well-educated PA Sec. (19ish) with this Fashion Organisation. Working in PR, client liaison demands a good personality. Duties include press releases and receptions, exhibitions and generally being in the PR world. An ideal opportunity for a girl seeking a career in a very interesting field. For details call Chris Wallsgrove
637 3787
Prime Appointments

MOTOR CARS

160 M.P.H. LUXURY DE TOMASO PANTERA
Late '73. 24,000 miles. 1 owner from new.
Similar shape as Lamborghini Miura.
White, black interior. Fitted refrigerator and air-conditioning. Sundym glass, power steering, 5 speed gearbox, electric windows.
Cost new, £8,000 accept £4,650 o.n.o.
PART EXCHANGE POSSIBLE.
GRAY MOTORS
452 0406 (ansafone 24 hrs.)

MOTOR CARAVAN
1975 FORD TRANSIT LANDLINER
"N" Reg. Coachbuilt. 6 cylinder 4 berth Hot and cold water to sink and shower. Flush toilet, fridge, oven, radio, television, and luxury extras.
New price over £5,000.
Would accept £3,500.
Phone 01-834 3800
Ext. Rodney 215

MOTOR CARAVAN
1975 FORD TRANSIT LANDLINER
"N" reg Coachbuilt. 6 cylinder, 4 berth, hot and cold water to sink and shower. Flush toilet, fridge, oven, radio, television and luxury extras.
New price over £5,000.
Would accept £3,500.
Telephone 01-834 3800,
Ext. 215. Rodney.

B.M.W. 2500 1974
White with dark blue interior. P.A.S., tinted glass windows, stereo.
IN VERY GOOD CONDITION.
£3,250 o.n.o.
Phone: Reading (0734) 412785 after 7 p.m.

MGB 246
Car Registration No MGB 246 on Green 1964 M.G.B. Roadster. Mechanically sound, wire wheels. Body needs attention.
£350 o.n.o.
BIRTLEY, CO. DURHAM
(089 424) 5915/4/5

STINGRAY CORVETTE 454
Convertible late 1973 15,000 miles from new. Automatic with power steering, sundym glass, mag. wheels, high speed tyres, white with black leather interior. Investment at £3,950 o.n.o.
GRAY CAR SALES
01-452 0406 (ansaphone 24 hrs.)

B.M.W. SALES. Largest U.K. Stock of new cars. Ring Mr Edwards or Mr Barton. 01-568 9155.

VOLVO. New and used, wide selection models and colours, phone or come by S. G. Smith, 25 Dulwich Village, S.E.21. 01-693 0202.

MERCEDES-BENZ.—If you are considering any new model or wish to purchase or sell your low-mileage car, try Chris Streller at Goodlife Garage (Croydon) Ltd 01-681 3881.

EUROCARS (London) Ltd 1st reg. 1975 (N) Citroen DS23 Pallas E.F.I. manual, metallic beige tholonet with caramel jersey, fitted full air-conditioning, 5,000 miles. £3,195. 1st reg. Jan. '75, Citroen DS23 Pallas E.F.I. manual. Metallic brn scarabee with caramel.

LEX FOR JAGUARS 01-902 8787. Lex for Daimlers 01-902 8787. Lex for Triumphs 01-902 8787. Lex for Rovers 01-902 8787.

1929 VINTAGE MARMON, Straight eight, maroon/black, magnificent rare American classic. £3,500. 3 Ways 051-334 3255. 10 am—7 pm.

1975 (P) CITROEN. CX 2000. 8,000 miles. Choice of white or red, radio. £3,050. 1975 BMW 528, white; 1974 BMW 3.0 ST, blue; 1974 BMW 3.3L, black; 1975 BMW 3.0 CSL, red. Greencoat Motor Co. 01-831 0245.

MOKES, new and second hand. Runamoke Ltd., 01-328 3636.

FIAT 130 Saloons. '72, Dk. blue/grey, £2,150. '73 Met. blue, a con, radio, man. dir. car, £4,450.—Normans. 01-584 6441/01-602 0043.

JENSEN INTERCEPTOR, Mark III. N registered, 26,000 miles. Rolls-Royce paintwork, black hide interior. All Jensen refinements. Excellent condition. £4,100 o.n.o. Consider Stag in part exchange. Finance can be arranged. Private sale.—Rochdale, Lancs., 38319.

CITROEN SALES & SERVICE in N.W. London, large stocks of most models: demonstration; highest possible exchange allowances.—Continental Car Centre, 01-959 8821 3.

VOLVO IN LANCS, CHESHIRE and N Wales. For top sales & service and a very comprehensive range of new and used cars including the Volvo 66 phone John Wallwork (N.W.) Ltd., 061-207 1364.

TEST DRIVE A VOLVO TODAY. We stock the entire range including the new Volvo 66. For the best in Sales and Service ring Tamplins of Twickenham. 891 0211.

73 BMW 3.0 SI.—Fjord blue metallic, all extras, magnificent. £3,500. 3 Ways. 051 334 3255. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

CAR INSURANCE. 17-74 yrs. Any car risk.—Crescent. 262 1812.

WANTED

WE BUY over 2,000 fleet and lease vehicles every year; immediate quotations.—Phone John Farrington, D.A.S. Trade Sales. 01-508 7766.

NEW AUSTIN MINI 850 van, white, navy trim, immediate delivery.—Berkeley Sq. Garages, 7 Berkeley Sq., W.1. 01-499 4343/458 4455.

71-75 XJ6 wanted for cash.—Hamerton, 534 9633/3232, weekends Chelmsford 71940.

ROLLS-ROYCE AND BENTLEY

FREESTONE AND WEBB.—"R" type Bentley 1954. £3,000.—937 0357.

BENTLEY S3. Very good condition. £2,750. Telephone 01-408 2102 (eves).

SILVER SHADOW, Dec. '71, latest spec, flared arches, Caribbean blue/blue Everflex roof, 14,300 miles. Offers around £13,950. H.P. arranged. Tel. Corbett, Grantham 2725.

S.2. BENTLEY. 1961 Astral blue. Very good condition throughout. £2,750. 01-499 9194.

CAR HIRE

ROLLS-ROYCE Silver Shadow, chauffeur driven, available all times. Lowest prices. 735 5272.

ROLLS-ROYCE SILVER SHADOW. Chauffeur driven, 12 hrs. 250 miles, £45 per day.—VP Cars. 584 6857.

ROLLS-ROYCE, chauffeur driven Silver Shadow, 12 hrs. 250 miles. £45 per day.—Sorrenmain & Co., 01-891 0676.

SITUATIONS WANTED

U.S. ARCHITECTURAL graduate, 24, hard-working, capable, efficient, seeks long-term post as Personal Assistant in arts, architecture or similar field. Stimulating work essential. Box 1650 S, The Times.

HAVE LANGUAGES, WILL TRAVEL. Multilingual girl, 25, seeks interesting non-secretarial job involving travel. Tel. 352 1692.

WELL EDUCATED SECRETARY, hard working, adaptable, usefully domesticated wishes travel Jan.-March, salary secondary to right atmosphere. Anything legal considered. 01-362 2300 (before 8.45, after 6). 54 Cathcart Road, S.W.10.

YOUNG MAN. Oxford entrant October 1976, seeks employment France Italy. Fluent French, German. Private tutoring or similar preferred but anything legal considered. Telephone 01-788 3424, evenings.

SITUATIONS WANTED

GIRL AGED 20
with French, German, Italian "A" level education seeks interesting position. Write:
Box 1671 S, The Times

ATTRACTIVE FEMALE EXECUTIVE P.A. Knowledge advertising, P.R., Middle East, driver. Interest in finance and economic investments, etc., seeks challenging position. Will relocate. British subject with U.S. work permit. Box 0792 S, The Times.

EXECUTIVE, 31, Swiss, single, with experience in general management, advertising and international trading. Fluent in German, English and French. Seeks new position which offers challenge, creativity and fair remuneration, in Europe or abroad. Please write to Guido A. Rossi, Aebletenweg 30, CH-8706 Meilen, Switzerland.

ENGLISH FEMALE, 27, speaks Italian, seeks career in Milan, experience teaching tourism. 061-370 2134 after 12 noon.

INTELLIGENT 17, 18, seeks job abroad, 6 months.—0602-69131.

PRE-CAMBRIDGE medical student desires post as tutor, preferably abroad, Jan.-June, 1976. Box 1756 S, The Times.

MARKETING DIRECTOR'S Assistant with usual secretarial skills, seeks a more progressive position for her ability and is looking for an interesting post with responsibility and scope for initiative. London area. Box 1224 S, The Times.

CONSULTANT Orthopaedic Surgeon, 55, disenchanted with NHS, seeks work where experience appreciated. Box 1753 S, The Times.

TWO GIRLS with Cordon Bleu and and experience would like to work for private owner in a chalet in winter sports. Please write to 3 Holland Street, London, W.8.

FRENCH GIRL, 25, seeks perm. job Recept.-Typist. Box 1705 S, The Times.

AUSTRALIAN Business Manager, bachelor, 32, requires position and or accommodation. Refs available. Phone 01-735 0792, ext. 106.

FLAT SHARING

WIMBLEDON.—Double room, £10 each, single £14.—835 581 1194, from 6 p.m. 540 4016.

FREE SERVICE to landlords, executive Flatsharers. 235 6185.

LOOKING FOR OWN ROOM? Executive Flatsharers. 235 6168.

FLAT SHARE, 213 Piccadilly. 734 0318. Professional people sharing.

W.8. Girl, share room in flat. £10 p.w. 602 6563 a.m. eves.

GIRL for luxury c.h. Putney house own room. £10 p.w. 223 7665, ext. 11, day. 789 5830, eves.

W.2.—3rd, own room, lovely flat. £16 p.w. inc. C.H. 727 1255.

TWO professional gentlemen require s.c. flat in London. Up to £25 p.w. 628 4400, ext. 72.

WESTMINSTER.—Man, own room, share spacious flat £55 p.c.m. all inc. 834 2317, after 5.

MUSICIANS' FLAT. Furnished, large sound-proofed music room, grand piano, Hampstead. 722 0474-7026.

CHEYNE ROW.—1 girl to share room in charming flat. Tel. 352 7015, after 6.30 p.m.

3RD PERSON, 25-30, own small room, modern maisonette, N.3 £40 p.c.m. 444 6829.

W.1-N.W.3.—Large Double Bed-sits, professional couple lady. £11-15 p.w.—794 3065.

2 GIRLS wanted to share large bedroom in Kensington flat. £11 each p.w. Please phone Joey Cooper at 584 3771, between 9 and 5 weekdays.

BLACKHEATH. Girl to share attractive flat, with garden. Own room £12 p.w. 378 3115 (day).

OWN LARGE ROOM luxury Chiswick flat. £12 50 pw.—995 6644 eves.

BED-SITTERS available in respectable private home to gentlemen only. Fitted carpets throughout, bed linen, china, cooking utensils provided. Rooms serviced weekly. Close to all transport. £10.50 p.w. Preferably non drinkers and non smokers. Phone 243 2320. Quote ref. 3702.

HIGHGATE. Room in pleasant C.H. flat, suit 1 2 girls. £16, £20 p.w. inc. 348 8588.

E. PUTNEY.—Bed-sit. and kit. in family house: single prof. girl: £11 p.w., some baby sitting.—874 4939.

MARBLE ARCH.—Prof person over 27 (non-smoker) for sunny c.h. house. £19 p.w. 262 6308.

FLAT MATES specialists, 313 Brompton Rd S.W.3. 589 5491.

WEST END. Double room. £25 p.w. including breakfast. 01-402 6917.

BROOK GREEN, W14.—Second girl, 27 plus, share luxury c.h. flat, own room. £15 p.w. Office 839 6745, after 6.30 p.m. 603 0751.

PUTNEY.—Two single rooms in large well appointed house. 3 mins, all transport. Phone after 2.15 p.m. 785 6902.

BRENTWOOD, 2nd girl, share flat, own room. £12 p.w. 0277 214194.

ST JOHN'S WOOD. Own room, girl non-smoker. £60 p.c.m. 586 1084.

2 GIRLS SHARE modern flat, N. Kensington. £40 p.m. 969 8186.

SINGLE ROOM, luxury flat, W.11. 1 month only. £13 p.w. 727 1065 after 19.30.

MARBLE ARCH.—Girl to share modern luxury habitat furnished flat with spacious balcony: c.h., colour T.V. £21 p.w. Ring Mr. Ford, day 353 3020, ext. 200, evening 262 5717.

ISLINGTON, N.1.—Male, mid-20s, share large, comfortable house, own room. £9 p.w.—Tel. 236 0442, ext. 14 day, 226 8941 after 6 p.m.

S.W.7.—Person share room in flat. £10 p.w. excl.—589 4039.

S.W.3.—2 girls, 25+, share large room. £50 p.c.m. inc. Tel. after 5. 352 2523.

ST. JOHN'S WOOD.—1 professional person for luxury flat, own room; rent. £325 per quarter.—Tel. eves. 7-9, 723 0437.

4 SINGLE ROOMS, fully furnished, kitchen, quiet private house, Fulham. £65 or £52 p.c.m.; suit overseas visitors.—01-736 7525.

GRADUATE for room, Islington family house. £15 p.w. inc.—359 3324 after 2 p.m.

KENSINGTON.—Professional person to share luxury furnished flat, own room. £15 p.w.—890 1480, ext. 275.

MALE, own room, luxury flat, W.8. col. T.V. £15.—937 6292.

SHARE-A-FLAT. Let me find you a compatible flatmate? 493 1265.

W.6.—Two civilized sharers, 25+, for C.H. house, garden and labrador, own rooms. £65 and £52 p.c.m.—602 3951.

1 MORE to share house near Barnes. £12 incl. p.w.—Tel. 876 8319.

S.W.6. Girl wanted for own room in luxury house nr. Tube. £14 p.w.—736 1002 eves.

N.W.2. 1 2 large room, share luxury house £15. 450 5285 after 7.

BATTERSEA. Professional type 30's required for own room in large shared flat £11 p.w. 730 1632 after 6.30.

RESPONSIBLE student offered quiet bedsitting room in Kensington overlooking gardens: with breakfast & supper in exchange for evening companionship of daughter, aged 14, and some contribution towards housekeeping. Please tel. 373 7575 between 8-11 a.m.

N.2. 4th male (25-35) share house, own room: c.h.: £9.20 p.w.—444 0946 after 6.30 p.m.

KENSINGTON. Girl to share flat. £10 p.w. 602 6565 morns. eves.

W.1. Girl share luxury modern flat. £37 p.c.m. 262 9164 after 5.00.

CHELSEA.—Professional girl 20-plus to share super flat, own room, C.T.V. C.H. £16 p.w. inc.—589 0845.

2ND PERSON for flat, N. London. Own room. £50 p.m. Tel. 451 1675.

REDCLIFFE GDNS. Own room till mid-Feb. £8 p.w. 373 5657 eves.

W.C.1. Attractive 1 room, k. & b. for 1. £12 p.w. Refs. required. 837 8707.

GIRL GRADUATE, 24, looking for own room in central London flat. To £16 p.w. Tel. 351 3376 after 6.30 p.m.

RENTALS

5TH KENSINGTON. A charming modern flat, 2 bedrooms, large recept., k. & b., beautifully furnished and equipped. Long, short let. £55. H. & C., 580 2586.

FULHAM APARTMENTS.—Landlords. Can we assist in letting your property. Fulham, Putney, Battersea, Wandsworth, etc., is our area. Call 351 0072.

GORDON PL., W.8. Quiet, unfurnished house, 4 bed., recep., k. & b., clk., gdn., c.h. Long short let. £70 p.w. neg. Boyd & Boyd. 584 6863.

VISITORS TO LONDON. Flats, bedsits and houses avail. Long or short lease. Sharers or families. London Flats, 373 5002.

FULHAM. 2 bedrm., s.c. flat for 4. £28. LF. 373 5002.

HAMPSTEAD. Ultra mod., split-level conversion, 2 doubles, 2 recept., Wrighton kit., 2 baths. Garden. Also 1 bed. flat. Quintess. 584 4175.

SHORT STAY SPECIALISTS for one of the largest selections of flats, houses, Central London, call Century 21. 839 6325.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE. Beautiful penthouse maisonette, overlooking garden, 4 beds., 3 baths., dble reception. American kit. L.S. 235 0000.

FINCHLEY RD. Mod., single, bedsit plus kitchenette, c.h. inc. £16. London Flats, 373 5002.

COLVILLE RD., W.11. Attractive, modern garden floor flat with patio, 2 dble. beds., recept., k. and b. Avail. now. Long let. £50 p.w. W. & P., 937 6091.

HYDE PARK GATE. Exceptionally elegant flat, 3 4 bedrooms, 2/3 receptions, American kitchen and 3 bathrooms. Lift and porterage. Birch & Co. 584 4372.

ST. JOHN'S WOOD. In mod. block. Highly recom flat. Beautifully furn. with antiques. Dble. bedrm., 20ft lounge, fitted k. & b. C.H. £65 p.w. Church Bros. 352 7668.

BELGRAVIA. 2 bedroom flat, recept. k. & b. Long or short let. £50/£70 p.w. K.A.L., 581 2337.

CHELSEA, S.W.10. Secluded flat with 2 bedrooms, recept., k. & b., and car parking space. £55 p.w. K.A.L., 581 2337.

PUTNEY. Pretty little house for 2. Beautifully furnished and decorated. C.H., small gdn. £40 p.w. Tel. 229 3345 and 788 3020.

RENTALS

SCOTT GILROY
17 Beauchamp Place, S.W.3
01-584 7881
FULHAM RD., S.W.10 newly decorated studio flat. £35 p.w. WEST END LANE. 1 bedroom flat all amenities. £50 p.w.
S.W.4 det. house, 4 bed., 3 recept., kit. diner plus 2 b., utility room, 90ft garden. £75 p.w.

CENTRAL LONDON fully furnished and equipped serviced apartments of varying size for short and long stays from £5 per person per day, fully inclusive. T. A. L. 930 2041 or Windsor 60030, eves. and weekend.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE. Superb penthouse, full of books and pictures, with fully planted terrace, for 2 months, 2 beds, 2 baths, large drawing room, colour T.V. Maid service, etc. £150 p.w. All inc. A.T.F., 229 0033.

MAISONETTE close City and W. End, beautifully decorated and furnished, 3 double bedrooms, 2 living rooms, kitchen, 2 bathrooms, separate shower and w.c. C.H. Double glazing. Cleaner. £55 p.w. 01-226 6400.

TODAY'S BARGAINS. Two 2 room k. & b. flats in S.W.1 for 1 or 2 people. Immac. throughout. Res. housekeeper, etc. £35 all inc. Another at same price in W.8 A.T.F., 229 0033.

AT FLATLAND, 79 Buckingham Palace Rd. SW1. Central London Short lets for tourists. Flatlets £18+. Flats £50-£100 pw. Also long let flats £35-£150 pw. Tel. 10-6 pm. 828 5124.

CHELSEA. Excellent flat in modern block. 1, 2 bed., 1, 2 recpt., k. & b. £60 p.w. Kathini Graham Ltd., 584 3285.

MARBLE ARCH. Georgian town house, 3 recep, 3 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, furnished. £100 p.w. Long let preferred. 01-935 5847.

3 ROOM furnished flat, k. & b. Near Russell Square, WC1. £35 p.w. 01-898 0517 or 01-485 6610.

BROMLEY, close station 15 mins City. Delightful modern 4 bedroom house. £36 p.w. Lipfriend & Co. 491 7404.

SUPERIOR FLATS/HOUSES available and required for diplomats, executives. Long/short lets. All areas. Lipfriend & Co. 491 7404.

LUXURY FLATS avail. Short long lets. £40-£100 p.w. Riks 581 2309 day, 373 1734 eves.

DULWICH.—Fully furnished flat, large recpt., dining room, 2 double beds., k. and b., c.h., garage, porter. Long Let. £45 p.w. 788 8021.

BELGRAVIA CHELSEA houses flat, long short lets. 730 8668.

FURNISHED W1 flats. £110 p.w. Interior designed. 01-439 7687.

ROBERT STACEY WHITE for house/flats, all areas. 734 5545.

ONE WEEK TO 99 YEARS.—Please ring Living in London. 629 0206.

UNFURN. FLATS wanted. F. & F. purchased 602 4671 Dixon & Co.

CONSULTING ENGINEER requires Garret/Studio pied a terre to purchase or rent from Jan. 1st. Central London. Phone Benger. 01-629 9656, office hours.

AVAILABLE NOW. Quality flats/houses to let. L.A.L., 937 7884.

UNFURN. flats, central & greater London areas. C. & S. 582 9224.

SOUTH KENSINGTON. New fully serviced luxury flat for 2; lift, tel., T.V., c.h., etc. Short medium let. 584 2414 or 786 4281.

BOYD & BOYD. Estate Agents, will personally help you Let or Find a flat/house long or short let.—01-584 6863.

WIMPOLE ST., W.1.—Beautifully furnished 3-bedroom flat, mod. cons. £90 p.w.—409 2020, 504 3049.

HAMPSTEAD. Luxury unfurnished flat. See London Flats.

NO REPOSSESSION PROBLEMS. 2 barristers seek flat from diplomats posted abroad. 0203-707061.

EXECUTIVE urgently requires Unfurnished Flat/House, London, Sussex/Kent. Min. 5 rooms, k. plus b. For 6-12 months.—Box 1643 S, The Times.

AMERICAN EXECUTIVE needs luxury furnished flat or house up to £120 p.w. Usual fees required. Phillips Kay & Lewis, 629 8811.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE, small flat in square, colour T.V.: £45.—584 4940.

CHELSEA.—New luxury house for company or embassy 2/3 years: 5 beds., 3/4 recep., 3 bath: £135 p.w.—352 5741.

2/3 BEDROOM.—New luxury flats in W.2 area, close to Hyde Park and Marble Arch: c.h., col. TV, service if required; short or long lets: £75 to £130 p.w.—01-402 5885.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE.—Penthouse flat, 3 beds., lounge, k. & b., c.h. £80 p.w.—Express, 863 9296.

HAMPTON & SONS.—A large selection of furnished flats and houses in Central London and inner suburbs always available.—01-493 8222.

CHRISTMAS LET.—6 weeks from early Dec. Reasonable. Pleasant Greenwich House. C.H. 692 2378.

MARBLE ARCH, short let attractive flat, suit couple only, end Nov./end March, '76. £30 p.w. exclusive.—Telephone 262 4616.

ST JOHN'S WOOD. Sunny flat in luxury house, 2 beds., £65 p.w. inc. C.H.—878 2094.

MAYFAIR prestige Company suite facing Green Pk. 235 0288. 1

CHELSEA, S.W.3.—Attractive, 4 bed house in pretty tree lined street, excellent value, £75 p.w. At Home in London 581 2216.

SHORT LET.—Chelsea. Dress designers' pretty, period house, 3 double bed, en suite bath dressing, 2nd bath double recept, daily available. £75 p.w. 352 5864.

FURNISHED FLAT/HOUSE required in London by 6 professional people, including 3 Bart's Medics, max. £60 p.w. Phone 01-340 5700.

LEASE FOR SALE. Kensington, W.8 7 year bus. lease of s.c. maisonette, garden and spare room, vacant and offices, let. £8,250. Enquiries and credentials to Box 1470 S, The Times.

BERKELEY SQ.—Pleasant luxury flat, all amenities for 2. Available six months. £50 p.w. 493 0853.

WIMBLEDON — close common. — S. c. Furnished flat. Double bedroom, din. sitting room, box-room. K. and b. £25.—946 4747.

SURREY.—City/West End 35 mins. On private estate, adj. golf course, furn., 2 large bedrooms, exceptional recep., k. and b., one. £37.50 p.w.—Birch & Co., 493 1162.

OAKLEY SQ., N.W.1. 2 rooms, k. & b. £40 p.w. Abbey Ltd. 584 7600.

HYDE PARK, W.2. Superb serviced flats. Abbey Ltd., 584 7600.

BRAMHAM GARDENS, S.W.5. 3 bed flat, £60 p.w. Abbey Ltd. 581 7600.

AMERICAN SCHOOL close, luxury house, 5 bed., 3 recpt., 3 bath., large American kit., lovely gdn., dble. gge. £200. **ARCHERY CLOSE W2.** Superb mews house, 2 dble. beds., 2 bath., 2 recpt. £85 p.w. Eaton St James 493 6865/5317.

HAMPSTEAD. Luxury mod. house, 4 beds., 2 baths., dble. recept. £85 p.w. Estia. 727 5060.

STREATHAM BDRS. Unique opportunity—Brand New Home. Just built superb luxury 1 bedrm. apt. TV, C.H., c pkg., etc. £38 p.w. 643 8181.

N.W.3. Luxury 1 & 2 bed. flats. £45-£75 p.w. W.T. 262 6204.

KENSINGTON HEIGHTS, W.8.—Sunny south facing 4th floor furn. flat comprising 1 double & 2 single beds., recpt., kit. & 2 baths., balcony, porter, garage. Avail. now, long let. £95 p.w. Willett. 730 3435.

HAMPSTEAD. Very pleasant flat, dble. brd., dble. recept., £45 p.w. Estia. 727 5062.

WIMPOLE ST., W.1. Very well c.h. furn. 1 bed. flat plus gge. Avail. now. Long let. £70 p.w. James & Jacobs. 930 0261.

MUSWELL HILL. 2 bedroom luxury furnished flat. £30 p.w. 01-883 8479.

ST. JOHN'S WOOD. Ultra modern block luxuriously fitted, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths., double reception. £1,450 p.a. Excellent Wilton carpets, curtains, wardrobes. American kitchen, appliances. £8,000. 348 1831.

NEAR SWISS COTTAGE. 2 double bed., recept., k. & b., family only. £50 p.w. Findahome. 370 3711.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE, furnished luxury apartment, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths., lounge, kitchen, c.h., c.h.w., lift. Telephone 01-584 3762.

AMERICAN has superb flat for 2 considerate tenants. £60. 603 0160.

QUEENSWAY (OFF). Luxury furnished flat, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths (1 en suite). Colour T.V. C.H. 8 weeks minimum. No children £55 p.w. Tel. 381 0907.

LOWNDES SQUARE facing, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath., 2 recpt., plus maid's room & garage. £1,600 p.a., renewable for 7 years, protected tenancy. Carpets & curtains, light fittings, kitchen appliances, etc. £7,400. 499 6157.

BELGRAVIA. Spacious room in elegant flat, single gentleman. C.H.W., k. & b. and c.h. £11 p.w. 01-235 8415.

W.8. Comfortable family house garden, £95 p.w. Co. let preferred. 01-937 5986.

W.2. (near Lancaster Gate and Paddington Stations) s c single furnished flatlet. 1 large room, sep. k. & b., 1st floor. £18 p.w. incl. Gilland & Co. 01-586 2701.

CHELSEA, 1 room serviced s/c flat, c.h., £25 p.w. incl. Short lets. 352 6731.

TUFNELL PARK, N.7. Spacious, attractively furnished garden flat. 2 bedrooms, recept., k. & b. Gas c.h. £35 p.w. 01-607 5184.

BELSIZE PARK GARDENS, N.W.3.—Very attractive 2 dbl. bed. flat, 2 recept., k. & 2 bath.: exclusive use of gardens: £85 p.w.—R.C., 629 1087.

WESTBOURNE TERRACE, W.2., Gloucester Terrace, 1 dble. bed., recpt., k. & b. £40 and £45 respectively. Mullett Booker & Co. 402 6191.

RENTALS

CENTRAL LONDON
FURNISHED FLATS & HOUSES now available in first-class residential districts £40-£300 per week (min letting period 3 months)
CHESTERTONS
Hyde Park Office: 01-262 5202
Kensington Office: 01-937 7244
Maida Vale Office: 01-289 1001

PUTNEY. Hideaway period cottage, expensively furnished in country atmosphere. Absolutely unique, 2 bedrooms, drawing, dining, studio bedroom, kitchen, bkfast, bathroom, 2 w.c.s, double garage. Gas c.h. Orchard garden. £70 p.w. 01-876 6507.

TWICKENHAM. Luxury 4 bedroom house, 2 bathrooms, cloakroom, fully equipped, fitted kitchen, large lounge diner, double garage, new carpets throughout and new furniture. Small garden. £75 p.w. 877 4044.

CHELSEA CLOISTERS, Sloane Avenue, London S.W.3, for luxurious fully furnished serviced flats from £55-£125 per week. Minimum let 28 days. For full details tel. 01-589 5100.

ETON AVENUE, N.W.3. Modern s.c. first floor flat, 2 double beds, bath w.c., 1 recept., fully fitted kitchen: C.H. Near all amenities and transport. £65 p.w. min 6 months. 465 0777 / 207 1461.

OVERSEAS VISITORS. Furnished flats in Belgravia 3 mths-6 mths, let. Double bedsits from £23 p.w. incl. 2 room flats from £38 p.w. incl. Tel. Beltoria 01-235 3663 ...

CENTRAL CHELSEA. Modern furnished terrace house, 3 bed., 3 baths, recep., k. & b., patio, full C.H., well-appointed. 3 month let. £1,600. 373 6485.

AROUND TOWN FLATS, 120 Holland Park Ave., W.11. Central London's short let specialists. 2 wks. min. £40—£150. All best locations.—229 0033.

SHORT LET.—Serviced flats in Kensington for visitors to London: s.c. colour TV, telephone and lift; from £60 to £120 p.w. 370 2663. A.I.

CHELSEA, St Leonards Terrace. Attractive, newly decorated, s.c. flat, 2 rooms, k. & b. Holiday let or company only, 6 months or longer. £55 p.w. 730 2138.

IDEAL CO. UNFURN. FLAT near Hyde Park W.2. Lounge, 1 bed., k. & b. £600 p.a. 5 year lease. Shepherds, 350 0271.

GOOD TENANTS deserve good flats & houses. We try harder to bring them together. Friendly, efficient service. LAL 937 7884.

CLOSE KNIGHTSBRIDGE. Well furnished with maid service, small bachelor and studio flats. £12—£20 p.w. 589 3706.

KENSINGTON. UNFURN. modernized block 2 doubles, 2 recept., American kit., 2 baths. £90 p.w. incl. No premium. Century 21. 839 6325.

SERVICES

WRITE FOR MONEY
Articles or stories. Personal correspondence coaching of unequalled quality. "Writing for the Press" free from London School of Journalism (T), 19 Hertford St., W.1. Tel. 01-499 8250.

THE CGR ROADSHOW, the complete mobile Disco Light show. A few Christmas dates available and now booking 1976. Tel. Weybridge 53496 or 01-385 1457 (evenings).

A & O LEVELS '76. Experienced personal tuition in all subjects — Talbot Rice 584 1619.

YOUR LONDON OFFICE £1.50. Prestige address, Tel. answering, Telex, Xerox, Printing.—Mercury, 30 Baker St., W.1. 01-486 5353.

DATELINE COMPUTER DATING.—Meet your perfect partner by calling 01-937 0102 (24 hrs.) or write Dateline (T), 23 Abingdon Road, W.8.

MOTOR INSURANCE.—High performance car specialist. Immediate cover. Terms if required.—Shannon 272 5941.

EDUCATIONAL ADVICE? Consult David Talbot Rice 584 1619.

ENGLISH TEACHER.—Cambridge grad. E.F.L. Cert., day eves. Richard Phibbs, 50 Sutherland St., S.W.1. Tel. 01-828 1683.

IBM TYPING (copying, lithoprinting, mailings. Red Tape Services, 2 Princes Street, London, W.1. 01-493 2379.

MAN.—Wants skilful hair cutting Visit Spiers Barber Shop. Instant service at 27 Berkeley Square, W.1. 01-629 4828.

SALARIED WOMEN'S Postal Loans Ltd., 175 Regent St., W.1. 734 1795. Loans from £10. No security.

PRESTIGE PARTNERS. Dating or marriage for professional and business people. 01-458 1760.

WOMEN DRIVERS 30pc lower rates. Her-Plan Lloyd's Policy. 883 1216.

JULIANAS Discotheques let you enjoy your party. 937 1355.

BRIDGE TUITION and practice classes.—C. H. Fox, 42 South Audley St., W.1. 499 2844.

LAMPSHADES cleaned or recovered in a day. Only by Nita Miller, Lamps and Shades, 63a Grosvenor Street, W.1. 01-629 0951.

IF YOU ENJOY being hospitable, like meeting new people, live in the London area, and would welcome an opportunity to increase your income, why not consider being host to overseas holiday visitors with similar interests to your own. Contact, English Home Holidays, 2 Great Marlborough Street, London, W.1. 01-734 0532.

FOR SALE AND WANTED

WHO ARE THE BEST tailors in London? Try Pope and Bradley, 35 Sackville Street, London, W.1. 01-435 5556.

JOHN STONEHOUSE writes on the career of Richard Nixon in the current issue of The New Review. 90p from 11 Greek St., London, W.1.

NORWEGIAN BLUE FOX Fur Coat, midi length with tailored collar and sleeves. To fit 12-14, horizontal pelts and with silk lining. Hardly worn, valued at £1,200 but for quick sale £750 o.n.o. Ring 603 8174.

LARGE BOOKCASES, old desks, antiques bought. Mr Fenton. 328 4278.

PIANOS.—New Bluthner uprights and grands. Reconditioned concert Steinway and Bechstein grands. 150 miniatures of all reputable makes. Free delivery and after service. Some exceptional bargains. All guaranteed. Invest now. Fishers of Streatham, the piano specialists. 01-671 8402.

NEFF MIELE APPLIANCES. Ring us first MOP, 01-769 2023.

WESTINGHOUSE/SCHOLTES appliances 20% off. MOP, 01-769 2023.

PARTNERS DESK. Mahogany, leather top, 5ft x 3ft. Circa 18th. Good condition. £400 ono. 01-555 0149 day.

SILK PERSIAN RUG—exceptional design and knotting. £1,000. Tel. 370 1549 office or 560 0660 home.

HUGE SAVINGS on Pentax, Olympus, Hasselblad and Canon SLR cameras at Dixons of 64 New Bond Street, London, W.1. Telephone Mr. Wagner on 01-629 1711.

RATCHET EASEL. Big, old, good working order, urgently required as well for painter of "Benches". Tel. 274 5059.

FLUTE.—Antique ivory one-keyed flute by Cahusac, London, c 1770. Perfect playing order. Offers over £300 invited.—Box 1701 S, The Times.

SUPERB GERMAN PIANO overstrung: made by Haake, Hanover 1905.—01-236 7006.

SUPERB Gent's Audemars Piguet gold wristwatch, unused. Offers around £1,450. Represents considerable saving.—Box 1751 S, The Times.

PIANO, upright Challen, 1930s, £150. Telephone 01-720 8581.

WANTED Gentleman's top hat hat box. 01-589 3311.

WASSILY CHAIR. £120, small modern brown leather sofa. £300. 01-589 7603, after 6 p.m.

MINK COAT, full length, size 12. Never been worn. £400 o.n.o. Tel. 778 3150.

JACK JONES ... 1580

BOWLERS PAPER WARE or Picture Album wanted of Cape Town. Box 1629 S, The Times.

PAINTINGS, OILS wanted by South African artists. Box 1624 S, The Times.

BOOKS WANTED on Travel—Voyages & Hunting in Southern Africa. Box 1723 S, The Times.

CLOCKS, pocket watches, family bibles, objects d'Art required privately. Write in first instance Box 1359 S, The Times.

EDWARD BURRA, 2 fine large paintings, "Reclining Nude" and "The Burning Torch", formerly exhibited in recent Burra Retrospective at Tate. View Tuesday, £2,500 each.—Villiers, Chilham ...

ORIENTAL RUGS and carpets ... gifts from under £1 at Ori... 71 Langton St., off ... Chelsea, S.W.10. 01-...

YORK PAVING flags, £16 per ton. —Seager, Chelmsford 4217 ...

ORIENTAL RUGS, ... Classic ... Afghan, Persian ... Chinese ... Hill, E.C.1. Tel. 01-236 4437.

(continued on page 28)

...dcasting

...not to be? Yorkshire Television brings home to us the complications ...merican legal dispute on euthanasia (ITV 10.30). By contrast stranded ...s in foreign parts provide a Play for Today (BBC1 9.25). The Book ...me sees a poet settling into a council flat as the local arts man in ...e (BBC2 7.50). For the milestones in working class history London ...re-live a strike of 1889 (BBC1 10.50). Our 'Enery and Peter Oosterhuis ...(BBC2 9.45). In the afternoon that emu snarls up the ether with a ...ting station of his own (BBC1 5.15).—L.B.

...Bildowcar. 12.55 ...Pebble Mill. 1.45... ...y. 4.00, Play ... Deputy Dawg. ...ry. 4.45, Animal ...ohn Craven. 5.15, ...casting Company. ...oundabout. ...5.00, Nationwide. ...Tarzan and the ...d, with Lex ... ...ke North. ...Children of the ...Michael O'Neill ...emy Seabrook. ...es in Working... ...istory. ...eather. ...ate.

...as (BBC 1): ...12.30-12.55 pm, ...sedown. 6.00-6.50, Nationwide. 6.50-7.15-7.40, Ar Saf... Soccer. Wales in ...11.15, Dewch i ... News for Wales. ...1.30-12.55 pm, ...sedown. 6.00-6.50, ...land. Nationwide. ...uidance and Coun... ...Scottish News ...THERN IRELAND.— Transmitters close... Scene Around Six. ...15, Northern Ireland

...1.25 pm, Anglia ...James. 2.00, Let's ...Thames. 5.20, Wait ...Gets Home. 5.50, ...bout Anglia. 6.35, ...: Vanished, part 2. ...1.40, Reflection.

...1.20 pm, Border ...mes. 2.00, House... ...Thames. 5.20, The ...50, News. 6.00, ...6.35, ATV. 7.15, ...rection of Zachary ...Angie Dickinson, ...n, James Daly... ...2.00, Border News

...1.20 pm, Grampian ...1.30, Thames. ...2.30, Thames. ...your Father Gets ...5. 6.00, Grampian ...he Brady Bunch. ...Film: Too Many ...Peter Falk, Britt ...James. 11.40, Ski... ...12.10 am, Prayers.

...1.30 pm, Love... ...2.00, Thames. ...le Farm. 5.50, ...day. 6.35, ATV. ...Not Disturb, with ...d Taylor. 9.00, ...Greatest Fights ...11.50, Epilogue.

BBC 2
11.00-11.25 am, Play School. 3.00 pm, Parents and Children. 3.30-3.55, Images for Sale. 6.40-7.05, Ensemble.
7.30 Newsday.
7.50 Book Programme, with Vernon Scannell, Desmond Morris, Brian Glover.
8.15 Floodlit Rugby St Helens v Hull.
9.00 The Musical Time Machine.
9.45 Pro-Celebrity Golf: Great Britain v US: Peter Oosterhuis and Henry Cooper v Tom Weiskopf and Robert Stack.
10.35 The Old Grey Whistle Test.
11.15 Newsnight.
11.30-11.35, Hugh Burden reads "My Many - coated Man" by Laurie Lee.

Southern
12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Sinbad Junior. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.45, University Challenge. 7.15, Film: Seven Thunders, with Stephen Boyd, Tony Wright.* 9.00, Thames. 11.40, Firehouse. 12.05 am, Southern News. 12.15, Wheather. Guideline.

HTV
12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. 1.30, Emmerdale Farm. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Help! 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.01, Report West. 6.20, Report Wales. 6.40, Survival. 7.10, Film: Hot Enough for June, with Dirk Bogarde, Sylva Koscina. 9.00, Thames. 11.40, Arts Bazaar. 12.10 am, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except: 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawdau Newyddion Y Dydd. 4.25-4.50, Fyny Fan'na. 6.01-6.20, Y Dydd. 6.40-7.10, Sale of the Century. 10.30-11.30, Dan Sylw. 11.30-11.40, O'r Wasg ... 11.40-12.10 am, World in Action. HTV WEST.—As HTV except: 1.20-1.30 pm, West Headlines. 6.20-6.40, Report West.

Yorkshire
12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Mr and Mrs. 2.00, Thames. 5.20, Emmerdale Farm. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, ATV. 7.10, Film: Do Not Disturb, with Doris Day, Rod Taylor. 9.00-12.10 am, Thames.

Scottish
12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Babar. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Nature in Retreat. 7.00, Love American Style. 7.10, ATV. 9.00, Thames. 11.40, Late Call.

Thames
12.00, Paperplay. 12.10 pm Rainbow. 12.30, Regional Flavour. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Emmerdale Farm. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Couples. 3.00, A Raging Calm. 3.55, General Hospital. 4.25, Look Alive. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, The Ghost and Mrs Muir.
5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Film: The Biggest Bundle of Them All, with Raquel Welch, Robert Wagner, Edward G. Robinson.
9.00 The Nearly Man.
10.00 News.
10.30 Discovery special. The Right to Live—the Right to Die.
11.40 His Face is Familiar—What's be Done?
12.10 Words of Wisdom.

Westward
12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 5.50, News. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. 7.10, Film: Vanished, part 1, with Richard Widmark, Skye Aubrey, Tom Bosley, James Farentino. 9.00, Thames. 11.40, Westward News. 11.43, Faith for Life.

ATV
12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Around the World in 80 Days. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, Cartoon. 7.10, Film: Fate is the Hunter, with Glenn Ford, Rod Taylor, Nancy Kwan.* 9.00, Thames. 11.40, A Present from the Past. 12.10 am, Father Paschal.

Granada
12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This Is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, What On Earth? 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00 Granada Reports. 6.35, University Challenge. 7.00, Film, Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin in Four for Texas. 9.00, Thames. 12.10-12.40 am, Dirty Sammy—Women's Right.

Ulster
12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Ulster News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, The Protectors. 5.50, News. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, The Ghost and Mrs Muir. 7.30, Film, Armoured Command, with Howard Keel, Tina Louise, Earl Holliman, Burt Reynolds. 9.00-11.40, Thames.

Radio
1
6.00 am, News. Ray Moore.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, Simon Bates. 4.30, D.L.T. 5.45, Newsbeat. 6.02, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, Three in a Row. 7.30, Robin Richmond.† 8.02, Among Your Souvenirs.† 9.02, The Songwriters. Les Reed.† 10.02, Ian Carmichael's Music Night. 11.00, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am, News.
† Stereo.

2
6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan.† (8.27 Racing bulletins. 9.02, Pete Murray.† (10.30, Waggoners' Walk). 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 4.30, Sports Desk. 4.47, Sam Costa.† 5.45, Radio 1. 11.5, Colin Berry. 12.00-12.05 am, News.

3
7.00 am, News. 7.05, Mozart, Beethoven.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Arne, Handel, Hertel, C. P. E. Bach.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Aaron Copland.† 9.55, Beethoven, Symphony No 4.† 10.30, Mozart, part 1.† 11.35, Reading. 11.40, Mozart, part 2.† 12.15 pm, Concert, part 1: Brahms, Beethoven, Verdi.† 1.00 pm, News. 1.05, The Arts Worldwide. 1.20, Concert, part 2: Tchaikovsky.† 2.10, Baryton and Viola d'Amore: Haydn, Vivaldi.† 2.55, Concert: Bryan Fernehough, Cristobal Halffter, Enrique Raxach.† 4.15, English Songs.† 4.55, Jazz Today.† 5.25, Pied Piper.† 5.45, Homeward Bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued). 6.30, Who Manages? 7.00, Teaching Adults to Read. 7.30, Gerhard Hüsch (Leider recital). 8.00 Royal Concert for the Festival of St Cecilia, part 1: Trevor Sharpe, National Anthem, Mozart.† 8.35, Science on a Hinge of History, talk by Dr Magnus Pyke: Principles of Poverty and Style. 8.50, Concert, part 2: Bliss, Brush, Sibelius.† 10.00, Play, The Holy Sinner, by Peter Redgrove.† 11.25-11.30, News.

4
6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News and more of Today. 8.00, News and more of Today. 8.45, Short story. 9.00, News. 9.05, Tuesday Call 01-580 4411. Cookery. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Down Your Way. 11.45, The open car. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, Just a Minute. 12.55, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Pride and Prejudice, part 1. 4.00, News. 4.05, Gardeners' Question Time. 4.35, Story: The Return. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, My Word! 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News. 7.30, The Water-Lilies are as Happy as Sandboys, portrait of Fred Streeter. 8.00, Radio 3. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: "Overture and Beginners". 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Talk. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore Forecast.
BBC Radio London, local and national news, entertainment, sport, music. 94.9 VHF, 206 M.
London Broadcasting, news and information station. 97.3 VHF, 261 M.
Capital Radio, 24-hour music, news and features station. 95.8 VHF, 194 M.

...Regd. No. 834648 England.

... Stephenson will join Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and ...

... administration and Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls.

...	256,199	277,199	304,855	337,574

*Excluding surplus of approx £75m on revaluation of properties at 1st April, 1973 and provisions for deferred profit of £68m.

GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

THE TIMES

★★★★★★ First Published 1785

To place an advertisement in any of these categories, tel.

01-837 3311

Manchester office

061-834 1234

Appointments £6,000 plus and £4,000 plus	25
Appointments Vacant	8 and 25
Business to Business	8
Christmas Gift Guide	26
Educational	8
Entertainments	10
Financial	25
Flat Sharing	27
For Sale and Wanted	27
Legal Notices	25
Property	23 and 25
Public Notices	25
Rentals	27
Salerooms	24
Secretarial and General Appointments	8, 26 and 27

Box No replies should be addressed to:

The Times,
PO Box 7,
New Printing House Square,
Gray's Inn Road,
London WC1X 8EZ

Deadline for cancellations and alterations to copy (except for proofed advertisements) is 13.00 hrs prior to the day of publication. For Monday's issue the deadline is 12 noon Saturday. On all cancellations a Stop Number will be issued to the advertiser. On any subsequent queries regarding the cancellation, this Stop Number must be quoted.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR AD. We make every effort to avoid errors in advertisements. Each one is carefully checked and proof read. When thousands of advertisements are handled each day mistakes do occur and we ask therefore that you check your ad and, if you spot an error, report it to the Classified Queries department immediately by telephoning 01-837 1234 (Ext. 7180). We regret that we cannot be responsible for more than one day's incorrect insertion if you do not.

". . . (Jesus said) Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."—St. Matthew 10: 32.

BIRTHS

BRYANT.—On November 10th, to Jo (née Plummer) and James Bryant—a son (Timothy James Chapman).

CALVERT.—On 15th November, at *Queen Charlotte's Hospital*, to Maria (née Lawson) and Colin—a daughter.

CHALLEN.—On November 14th, to Hilary (née Austin) and Peter—a daughter (Kirsty Helene Elizabeth).

EDGCOMBE.—On November 14th, 1975, at Cambridge, to Katherine (née Padmore) and Christopher—a daughter (Hilary Alice).

FRESTON.—On November 11th, at home, to Lee (née Pusaell), wife of Martin Freston—a son.

LATHAM.—On November 15th, at Corby Maternity Unit, to Caroline (née Terry) and Michael Latham—a son (James Frederick).

MOFFATT.—On 17th November, 1975, at St. George's Hospital, Sydney, to Jenny (née Wheeler) and Peter—a son, brother for Victoria.

NICKERSON.—On 15th November at St. Teresa's, Wimbledon, to Liz and Mary—a daughter.

PEEL.—On November 15th, at Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Maternity Home, 10 Belsize Grove, N.W.3, to Caroline (née Gunston) and Jonathan—a second daughter.

SANDAL.—On November 17th, 1975, at St. Richards Hospital, Chichester, to Nicola (née Colyer) and Bill Sandal—a daughter, Kate Victoria.

SCHUTZ.—On 15th November to Claire (née Hilton) and Christopher of Cottered, Herts—a son (Nicholas).

SMITH.—On November 15th, to Nikki (née Smales) and Douglas Smith—a son (Hugo Nicolas Hertz), a brother for Benjamin.

STUART.—On November 16th, to Deborah (née Mounsey) and Simon—a son (Corin).

TILLETT.—On 10th November, to Kathy (née Green) and Robin Tillett—a son (William).

WALKER.—On 16th November at Westminster Hospital, to Mary (née Tyndall) and Tim Walker—a daughter, sister for Charlotte.

MARRIAGES

KYLE : KENDRICK.—On November 14th, quietly, Douglas Kyle to Barbara Kendrick, both of Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

DIAMOND WEDDINGS

ATTENBOROUGH : LAYTON.—On 13th November 1915, at St James's Church, Piccadilly, Lt.-Col. James Attenborough, C.M.G., Cdg and London Regt. (Rf) TA, to Phyllis Layton.

DEATHS

ALLANSON.—On November 16th, Eric Llewellyn (John), suddenly, at 9 Clarendon Place, Paddington, W.2. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday, November 20th, at 4.45 p.m. Enquiries and flowers to A. France and Son, Ltd. 45 Lambs Conduit St., London, W.C.1. Tel. 01-405 4901.

AYRTON.—On 17th November, 1975, suddenly, Michael, painter and sculptor. Funeral private, no flowers by request.

BAINES.—On 16th November, suddenly, Colonel Peter Stanhope Baines, late Royal Engineers, aged 58, of Grove Cottage, Lockington Grove, Rochester, very dearly loved husband of Unity and much loved father and Grandpa Peter. Funeral Service in Rochester Cathedral, Friday, 21st November, 2.15 p.m. Please no flowers, but donations to Friends of Rochester Cathedral.

BATEY.—On 15th November, 1975, suddenly, in London, John Francis (Frank), dear husband of Joan Batey, of High Dipton, Corbridge, Northumberland. Funeral service at Corbridge Parish Church, Wednesday, at 11 a.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be sent to Tyne Mariners Benevolent Institution, c/o 58, Howard Street, North Shields.

BINGLE, JOHN PHILIP, beloved son of Oliver and Claire Bingle, suddenly on November 15 in Lausanne, aged 3 years.

BRIERLEY.—On November 17th, 1975, peacefully, at her home, Darwell Manors, Hengoed, Oswestry, Annie, beloved wife of Laurie Brierley. Funeral service at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury, on Thursday, November 20, at 10.40 a.m., family flowers only.

CAPLAN, MIRIAM.—On November 17th, in her 93rd year in London, widow of the Rev. Daniel Caplan, of Blackpool, and last surviving daughter of David and Isobella Harries of Abertillery, South Wales. Mourned by all three generations of her family. Funeral from the Synagogue, Leamington Road, Blackpool, at 2.15 p.m. prior to service at Layton Cemetery, on Wednesday, November 19th. No flowers, but if desired, donations to the New Building Fund Home for Aged Jews, c/o Dr. Joseph Caplan, 2 Ormond Avenue, Richmond, Surrey.

CARTWRIGHT.—On 15th November, 1975, at Bridport, Dorset, aged 92, Edward Rogers, C.B.E., formerly of Knowle Cottage, Beaminster, beloved husband of Betty, mining engineer, chief engineer of Shell 1935-1936. Funeral St. Mary's, Beaminster, 2.30 p.m., Saturday, 22nd November, followed by private interment.

CHRISTOPHERSEN, JOHANNES.—Peacefully, at Tvedestrand Hospital on 10th November, aged 82, much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Dypvag Church, November 22nd.

COATES.—On November 13th, 1975, in London, Frances Eleanor Coates, R.I.P. Requiem Mass, Church of the Holy Apostles, Winchester St., S.W., at 10.30, Wednesday, November 19th. No flowers.

COWDEROY.—On 17th November, 1975, Eleanor Joyce (née Willis), of Falconfield, Lelant, Cornwall, dearly loved sister of Vivian, Ronald, Geoffrey and Betty (Richardson). Service at Lelant Church at 11 a.m. Thursday 20th November, followed by Cremation at Truro. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Lloyds Bank, St. Ives, on behalf of Cancer Research.

CROWTHER-SMITH.—On November 16th, 1975, Betty, beloved wife of S. C. (Bob) Crowther-Smith and dear mother of Rosemary, Lesley, Carola and Charles. R.I.P. No letters please.

CUTMORE.—On 13th November, 1975, unexpectedly but peacefully at home, 33 Philbeach Gardens, S.W.5, Peter Ronald Cutmore, aged 53, dearly loved husband of Joyce and father of Virginia, Nicholas and Caroline. Requiem mass at Brompton Oratory, on Friday, 21st November, at 2 p.m. Burial private. Flowers to Kenyons, 49 Marloes Road, W.8.

DESOUTTER.—On November 16, peacefully in hospital, Anne Desoutter, dearly loved wife of Michael, mother of Adrian and Tarquin and daughter of Mrs Erika Hawkes. Cremation at *Putney Vale Crematorium*, 11.30, Thursday, November 20th. Family only. No flowers please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign.

DE WET.—On Nov. 16th, 1975, peacefully after an illness combated with innate courage, Hugh Oloff, aged 65 years. Dearly loved brother and uncle. Service at St. Mary Abbot's Church, Kensington, W.8 on Fri., Nov. 21st at 11.00 a.m., interment private. No flowers or letters, please, but donations, if desired, to the Atkinson Morley Hospital, 31 Copse Hill, Wimbledon, S.W.20.

DUCKWORTH.—On November 16, 1975, suddenly, at his home, Clifford, aged 73 years, of Dalefields, Chelford, Cheshire, beloved husband of the late Thea Duckworth, father of Richard and Bronwen, loved grandfather of Gina and Nicola and father-in-law of Janet. Funeral service in St. John's Church, Chelford, on Thursday, November 20th, at 3 p.m., followed by interment in the churchyard. Inquiries and flowers to J. A. Whiston, Funeral Directors, King Street, Knutsford. Tel. Knutsford 2644.

ELPHINSTONE.—On 15th November, 1975, John Alexandra, 17th Baron, suddenly, at Drumkilbo. Funeral at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Musselburgh, on Friday, 21st November, at 12 noon. Memorial service at St. Ninian's Episcopal Church, Alyth, Perthshire, on Monday, 24th November, at 2.30 p.m. No mourning, no flowers, please.

FRINCH.—On 15th November, 1975, Robert Maule (Robin), of Bowderdale Foot, Newbiggin-on-Lune, peacefully in hospital, aged 72 years, darling husband of Veronica, father of Michael and Susan, Patricia's father-in-law, and dear grandfather of Simon, Jonathan, Lucy and Alexander. H.M. Prison Service (retired), lately Assistant Secretary, Additional Curates Society. Requiem St. Oswald's, Ravenstonedale, *Cumbria, Thursday, 20th November*, 1 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations to Additional Curates Society.

FOSTER.—Peacefully on 15th November, aged 92, Frances Edith Agnes, of Moulton Priory, Newmarket, widow of Colonel Herbert A. Foster, of Faskally, Pitlochry. Cremation strictly private, close *family only. No flowers by her special request.*

FRY.—On Sunday, 16th November, 1975, in hospital, Cecil Thomas (late Burma Mines) aged 67 years. Cremation Breakspear Cemetery, Ruislip, Middlesex, 3.15 p.m. Friday 21st November. No flowers please.

GIBBINGS.—On November 15, suddenly, Group Captain Peter Henry Gibbings, O.B.E., of Saighton Lodge, Saighton, Chester, aged 63. Most beloved husband of Jeanette and dearly loved father of Peter and Patricia. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Bruera, near Saighton, on Wednesday, November 19, at 10.45 a.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers by his request, donations to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, 67 *Portland Place, London.*

GOODSALL.—On November 17, suddenly but peacefully at home, Robert Harold Goodsall, F.R.I.B.A., F.S.A., F.R.P.S., aged 84 years, of Stede Hill, Harrietsham, Kent. Beloved husband of "Molly", dear father of Robert and Mary and grandfather of Michael, Amelia, and Mary-Ann. *Funeral service at the Parish* Church of St. George Harrietsham on Friday, November 21, at 2 p.m., followed by interment in the Churchyard. Flowers may be sent to Pickard & Beale Ltd., Funeral Directors, Maidenhead.

GRAHAM.—On Nov. 15th, 1975, peacefully at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, Pearson Graham. Cremation North Chapel, South London Crematorium, Streatham Vale, S.W.16, at 2.20 p.m., Thursday, 20th November. Floral tributes to Barrel, 468, Chiswick High Road, W.4.

HAGGIS.—On November 7th, suddenly, in Paris, Murray, dearly loved husband of Sheila, 49 Avenue de Segur, Paris 7, Brother of Alison. Commital 10.45 Thursday, November 20th, Pere Lachaise Crematorium, Paris. Memorial Service Central Free Church, Queens Square, Brighton, Friday, 28th November at 2.30. No flowers, but donations, if desired, for Fellowship of Reconciliation or St. Francis Secondary School, Ghana, may be sent to Mrs. Elnora Ferguson, Higham Cross House, Hanslope, Milton Keynes, Bucks.

HAMILTON.—On November 17th, 1975, in hospital, Dorothy Mary, of the Shimmings, Guildford, beloved wife of the late Alfred Arthur (Hammie) Hamilton, C.B.E., of the Chartered Bank, India, Malaya and Thailand. Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Thursday, November 20th, at 12.30 p.m. Cut flowers only. No letters, please.

HENRY.—On November 16th, 1975, in hospital, Robert Noel Henry, O.B.E. (Peter), aged 76 years, of Little Granton, Bransgore, Hampshire, formerly of Cyprus and F.A.O. Rome. Cremation at Bournemouth Crematorium on Monday, November 24th, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations to Oxfam, please.

HERBERT.—On November 17th, 1975, peacefully, Isobel Sara, of 7 Killingdown Lane, Caterham, widow of Alfred George Herbert. Funeral service at Croydon Crematorium, on Friday, November 21st, at 10 a.m. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Cancer Relief, Michael Sobel House, London NW1 6QL.

HILTON.—On 15 November, 1975, at her home at Hatfield Broad Oak, Gwendoline Maude Lee Hilton, daughter of the late Captain Joseph Saunders, R.E., widow of Mr Justice Gordon Charles Hilton, I.C.S., much loved and admired by her children Humphrey, Juliet and Celia, and by her grandchildren. Funeral private.

HUNTER.—On November 15th, 1975, at Flat B, Gerrards Cross, St. Andrews, Alice Hunter, beloved wife of the late Col. W. J. H. Hunter. Funeral at 2 p.m. on November 19th, at St. Andrews Church, St. Andrews. All friends welcome at the church.

KENDALL.—On November 15th, at *The Homes of St. Barnabas*, Dormansland, Surrey, Rev. George Kendall, aged 92 years. Funeral service at The Homes of St. Barnabas, on Friday, November 21st, at 2.30 p.m., followed by interment in Lingfield cemetery.

KERR.—On Friday, 14th November, peacefully at her home, Maxton, St. Boswells, Muriel Constance Kerr, O.B.E. By her own request, no service will be held either at the house or the crematorium.

LEA-WILSON.—On 14th November, 1975, after a short illness, Catherine Isobel (née Jamison), aged 85, widow of Harold. Much loved and greatly missed by her children Joan, Pat, Noreen and Lesley and by her large and wide spread family for whom she was a very special person. Donations instead of flowers, if desired, to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, 124 Sloane Street, SW1X 9BP.

LISHMAN, MARK JOHN.—On November 16th, as a result of a road accident, beloved eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Lishman, of Netley House, Wombourne, Formerly of 34 Stockwell Road, Tettenhall.

McBAIN.—On November 16th, 1975, Lieutenant-Colonel Hubert McBain, O.B.E., M.C., late the Durham Light Infantry, aged 81 years, at his home, The Old Stables, Langton, Blandford, Dorset, dearly loved husband of Mary and father of John, Hugh and the late James. Funeral at All Saints, Langton, on Thursday, 20th November, at 11 a.m.

MATTHEW.—On Saturday, November 15th, *following an accident*, Owen Leslie, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, much loved husband of Edith and father of Jeffery. Funeral Service Cirencester Parish Church Wednesday November 19th at 12 noon.

MITCHELL.—Suddenly, on 16th November, 1975, at The Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, Helen Douglas Wilson, 26 Clermiston Road, Edinburgh 12. Dearly loved wife of the late Colin Campbell Mitchell. Devoted mother of Morag, dear Motherin-law of Peter. Service at Morton Hall Crematorium, Pentland Chapel, on Wednesday, 19th November, at 2.45 p.m. to which all friends are invited.

MITCHELL.—On November 14th, passed peacefully away, at his home, John (Jack), of Rudwicks Summerley, Felpham, Bognor Regis, Sussex. Dearly beloved husband of Rhoda. Sadly missed. Service at St. Marys Church, Felpham, on Thursday, November 20th, at 2.45 p.m., followed by cremation at Worthing. Flowers to Reynolds & Co., Funeral *Directors, Bognor Regis. Tel.* 4745.

MORRIS.—On November 12th, at *Brockhill Nursing Home*, *Broadclyst*, Exeter, Katharine, daughter of the late Rev Ebenezer Morris of Barry and lately of Bovey Tracey. Funeral service Thursday, November 20th, Exeter and Devon Crematorium, 2.30 p.m. Flowers and inquiries to the Funeral Directors, 20 Holloway Street, Exeter. Tel. 72686.

PERKINS.—On Nov. 15th, 1975, peacefully in her 90th year, Nora Christine, formerly of Wilton, Wilts., beloved widow of Colonel *George Perkins* and dearly loved mother and mother-in-law of Prudence, Christopher and Sheila, and grandmother of Sally, Joy and Tim. *Funeral service at* Wilton Parish Church, on Thurs., 20th Nov., at 2.30 p.m.

PLAAT.—On Saturday, 15th November, at midnight in St. Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, *Freddy* Plaat. Service at Elmers End Crematorium, *Beckenham*, 3 p.m. Wednesday, 19th November. No flowers, please, but donations to *St. Christopher's* Hospice.

PRIESTMAN.—On 16th November, 1975, suddenly, Barbara, of Lark Rising, Newhaven, Sussex, beloved friend of Dr *Elsa Walters* and very dearly loved sister of Ursula, Erica and Monica. Cremation private. *Memorial* service at the Friends Meeting House, Friars Walk, Lewes, on Saturday, December 6th, at 11 a.m.

RUSSELL.—On November 13th, 1975, suddenly, James Godfrey Nicholls, at Forthampton House, Forthampton, *Gloucestershire*, beloved husband of Molly Russell. Funeral service private, but a memorial service to be announced later.

SCOTT.—On 15th November, peacefully, after a courageous battle, Douglas Leslie Scott, aged 47, of Petts Wood. Loved and loving husband of Nicole, father of Nicholas and *beloved son of* Esther Scott. Funeral service at St Francis Church, Willett Way, Petts Wood, Friday, 21st November, at 10.20 a.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only but donations to Cancer Research.

SHERRIFF.—On 13th November, Robert Cedrick, well known author and playwright, of Rosebriars, Esher. Funeral service to be held at Randall Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Thursday, 20th November, at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, by request, but inquiries to F. W. Paine, 108 High *Street, Esher, Telephone Esher* 64021.

SKEELES.—On November 14th, peacefully at home, in her 78th year, Winifred Leila, widow of Alexander Hill Skeeles, mother of Brenda and grandmother of Caroline, Anne and Richard.

STINTON.—On Nov. 14th, in hospital, after a short illness, Reginald Leslie, of Shrublands, Ashdown Place, Forest Row, beloved husband of Phyllis and greatly loved father of Valerie and Susan. Enquiries from S. Brinkhurst & Son, East Grinstead 25092. Family flowers only.

TATHAM.—On 15th November, 1975, *Allen Ralph Tatham*, M.A., J.P., aged 83, of Thornfield, Barby Rd., Rugby, Former housemaster of Rugby School and O.R. Secretary, *beloved husband of* June and father of Caroline Harrison. Service Rugby School Chapel, Friday, 21st, at 12 noon. Flowers to Walton and Taylor, Ltd., Rugby.

THOMAS.—On 15th November, *Josephine, formerly* of 16 Ernald Place, Swansea, beloved sister and aunt. Funeral service at Brunswick Methodist Church, Swansea, Thursday, 20th November, at 2 p.m.

THOMPSON.—On November 17th, peacefully at home, 29 Portman Avenue, S.W.14, the Right Reverend William Jameson Thompson, C.B.E., former Bishop in Iran, *aged 90. Much loved husband* of Meg and dear father of Rachel, Eleanor and Margaret. C.M.S. missionary for nearly 50 years. Funeral at Mortlake Parish Church, Mortlake High Street, on Monday, November 24th at 2 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired to I.D.A. or C.M.S. Thanksgiving service to be announced.

TUCKER.—On November 17th, 1975, peacefully, at home, Fairfield House, Great Bookham, Surrey, Lord Frederick James Tucker, P.C., aged 87 years. Cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Friday, *November 21st, at 2.50* p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Bursar, Winchester College. No memorial service by request.

TURNBULL.—On November 16th, 1975, at Stratheden Hospital, Cupar, Ella Drummond Turnbull, widow of Herbert Westren Turnbull, former Regius Professor of Mathematics at St Andrew's University. Funeral at 3.30 p.m. on Friday, November 21st, at St Andrew's Church, St. Andrews. Grave-side service at the cemetery, Grasmere, Westmorland, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, November 24th.

VAUGHAN.—On November 15th, at his home, Showborough House, near Tewkesbury, Lieutenant-Colonel C. P. Vaughan, D.S.O., D.L., dearly loved husband of Jean and father of Sarah, Rhydian, Bronwen, Astrid, *and Crispin. Funeral private.*

WASSERMANN.—On 14 Nov., Lilly, of Stanhope Court Hotel, S.W.7, aged 82, wife of the late Jacob Wassermann and mother of Doris. Cremation Golders Green Crematorium, Wed., 19th Nov., 3.15 p.m.

WAUCHOPE.—On November 16th, 1975, peacefully after a short illness, Rosemary Eve, of Mill House, Rodmell, Lewes, Sussex. Funeral service at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Newhaven, 2 p.m., Thursday, November 20th. Flowers may be sent to the Seaford Funeral Service Ltd.

WILLIAMS.—On Friday, 14th November, at *The Velindre* Hospital, Cardiff, Phyllis Williams (née O'Rourke), of 44 Beatty Avenue, Roath Park, Cardiff, and 49 Maes Dyfed, St. Davids, Pembrokeshire. Cremation at Thornhill Crematorium, Cardiff, where there will be a simple ceremony on Wednesday, 19th November, at 2.40 p.m. Friends will be welcome. Flowers may be sent to James Summers & Son Ltd., Roath Court, Newport Road, Cardiff. "Time held me green and dying, Though I sang in my chains like the sea."

WILSON.—On November 15th, 1975, suddenly, at home, Arthur Yelverton, aged 57, dearly loved husband of Kay and loving father of Barbara and Patricia. Funeral at St. Mark's Church, West Park Street, Dewsbury, on Thursday, 20th November, at 11.45 a.m., followed by private cremation at Lawnswood. Family flowers only, please, to Orchard House, Chevet Lane, Sandal, Wakefield. Donations to British Heart Foundation, 19, Westwood Chambers, Albion St., Leeds 1.

WOFINDEN.—Eileen Wofinden and family are overwhelmed by the letters of sympathy they have received and thank everyone for their kindness.

WOOLLCOMBE.—On November 15th, 1975, Edward Percy Woollcombe, O.B.E., Priest, Rector of Sutton, 1923-1954, aged 87. Funeral at St John's, Feckenham, Redditch, on Thursday, November 20th, at 11.30 a.m.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

AGNEW.—A memorial service for *Colin Agnew, will be held at St* James's Church, Piccadilly, at 12 o'clock on Tuesday, November 25th.

HAWKEY.—A service of thanksgiving for the life of Roger Pryce Hawkey, Baronet, will be held at St. Mary's Church, Dunmow, on Wednesday, 26th Nov., at 3 p.m.

STEPHEN.—A Memorial Service for Colonel R. J. Stephen, M.B.E., former Commanding Officer and Colonel of the 14th/20th King's Hussars, will be held at Grosvenor *Chapel, South Audley* Street, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, 24th November.

TOYNBEE.—Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for Arnold Toynbee will be held on Wednesday, December 17, at St. James's Church, Piccadilly, at 3 o'clock.

IN MEMORIAM

MACLIESH, HUGH JOHN, The King's Own Royal Regiment, Captain. Aged 21. Killed on Active Service in the Middle East, November 18, 1940.

FIELD.—In proud and loving memory of Group Captain Roger Martin Field, Royal Air Force, who died on November 18, 1974, and is greatly missed.

GLANFIELD.—PETE. — Deepest memories.—Peter.

SEAMAN.—Today, as everyday, George Seaman is remembered with gratitude and great love. Laus Deo.

SEAMAN, GEORGE.—We remember a wonderful father.—Rob and Romy.

WALSH, RODNEY STEPHEN, M.A., B.M., B.Ch., F.F.A.R.C.S., 1927-61. *To his dear memory*, always.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

J. H. KENYON Ltd
FUNERAL DIRECTORS
Day or Night Service
Private Chapels
49 Edgware Road, W 2
01-723 3277
49 Marloes Road, W.8
01-937 0757

PUGH & CARR, KNIGHTSBRIDGE, florists, for all occasions, 118 Knightsbridge, 584 8256.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

INSTITUTE OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES, 84 Margaret Street, W.1. Open lecture "Theology and the Contemporary World", Bishop Michael Ramsey, Wednesday, Nov. 19, 6 p.m.

DAVID HOCKNEY evening lecture course starts November 25th (4 sessions). Enquiries Centre for Study of Modern Art, 730 3008.

DAME ANNA NEAGLE, D.B.E., opens the Y.W.C.A. Christmas Fair at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 19th November, at the Europa Hotel, Grosvenor Square, W.1. Lady (Lew) Grade is Chairman of the Fair Committee. Come and solve all your Christmas shopping problems!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

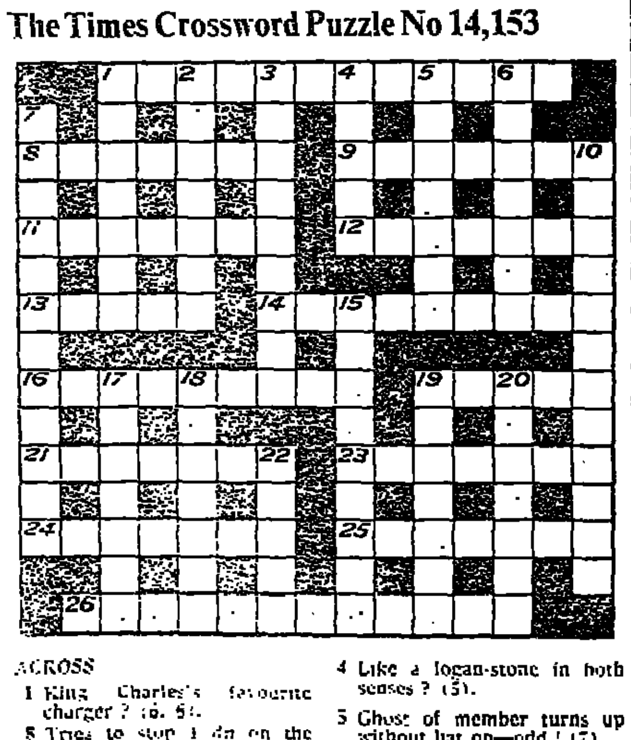
IN MY OLD DAYS, by EVOE (E. V. Knox). See Christmas Gifts—Books.

MGB 246. See Motor Cars.

LUXURY motor caravan 1975. See Motor column.

RETIRING ? Educated lady retiring with complete home, but no house, would like partnership, with the object of building up pleasant home and way of life.—Box 1026 S, The Times.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 14,153



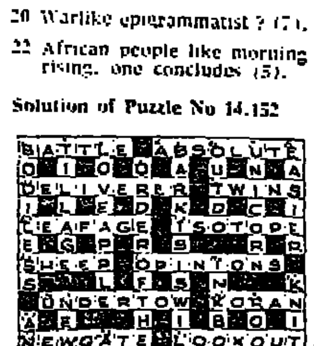
ACROSS

1 King Charles's favourite charger ? (6, 5).
8 Tries to stop I do on the *field* ? (7).
9 Church to clean out, or part of it (7).
11 Compunction shown about a walrus (7).
12 My tutor and I lose nothing resolving this element (7).
13 Lowered fare late in the day (5).
14 One encouraged to play the game in a close match (4, 5, 2).
16 Organizers of one creche are sticking together (9).
19 Some difficulty about Mr French going to a dance (5).
21 CID member on board (4-3).
23 Clergyman gets the odd rise. What's the game ? (7).
24 Late drinks ? (7).
25 He finally exhorted Stanley to advance (7).
26 Walter Lane is given a break —might be bored (5, 4).

DOWN

1 Pedlar of forward type ? (7).
2 One Dr Bell is terribly rude (3-4).
3 *Big building chief* is able to set round the Swift girl (9).
4 Like a logan-stone in both senses ? (5).
5 Ghost of member turns up without hat on—odd ! (7).
6 Disturbance in court (7).
7 *Toper trips over feet, seeing* flying reptiles (12).
10 Book of Jeremiah (12).
15 The controller of course has cattle on the island (9).
17 Dog worries someone ? (7).
18 Understand Madrid team is *taking a point* (7).
19 Day-dream of a little turn on the lake ? (7).
20 Warlike epigrammatist ? (7).
22 African people like morning rising, one concludes (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,152



LIVING IN A SILENT WORLD...?

Have you ever imagined what it must be like never to hear voices ? Or music ? Or birdsong ? Or any of the sounds we take for granted.

Will you help to relieve the loneliness and isolation of lifelong deafness ? Will you help us to promote better educational facilities for the profoundly deaf ? Please send your gift to

The British Deaf Association

38 VICTORIA PLACE, CARLISLE CA1 1HU
A NATIONAL CHARITY FOUNDED IN 1890

PERSONAL COLUMNS

ALSO ON PAGE 27

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONEY MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND ! !

The people who are involved in Finance and Accountancy today are more important than ever before. To help you fill these essential vacancies "The Times" is preparing another successful

FOCUS ON FINANCE AND ACCOUNTANCY

This special recruitment guide will appear for one day only

THURSDAY, 20th NOVEMBER 1975

We can help you fill these positions with "The Times" 750,000 readers in this specialised field.

This is an important time for all of us—

DON'T MISS IT ! !

RING THE TIMES APPOINTMENTS TEAM

01-278 9161

for full details now.
Manchester: 061-834 1234.

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

FINANCES

RESEARCH

into the causes, prevention and treatment of all heart diseases. PLEASE SEND A DONATION, REMEMBER US IN YOUR WILL.

Christmas card and gift colour brochure available. (Send postage stamp.)

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION,
Room 1,
57 Gloucester Place,
London, W.1.

CANCER RESEARCH

is vital. Cancer research is costly. Please send a donation now to the

Imperial Cancer Research Fund
Dept. 160B, P.O. Box 123
Lincoln's Inn Fields
London, WC2A 3PX

It will be wisely used for the fight against cancer.

FISHERMEN'S MISSION

A spiritual welfare work amongst fishermen and their families. Caring for the needy, comforting the bereaved, counselling the wayward.

Please send your urgently required gift to: Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen, 43 Nottingham Place, London W1M 4BX.

ALLEYN'S SCHOOL, DULWICH

is now admitting girl pupils at age 11, in addition to boys: the 13+ entry is still restricted to boys.

Apply Headmaster's Secretary, 01-693 3570, for further details.

MEET OTHER INTERESTING young (20-35) graduates and professional people at some of the 421 cultural, sports and social events on the November programme of the London Intervarsity Club. *Come to the club premises*, 117 Queensway, W.2., any Wed., 7.30-9 p.m., or write to David Vine (T), for details.

EXHIBITION OF TURKISH RUGS dalis inc. Sun. until 1st Dec. Raymond Benardout, 5 William St., Knightsbridge, S.W.1. 01-235 3360.

HOUSE EXCHANGE—U.S.A. family *would exchange 5-bedroom New* Hampshire home, cars, lifestyle compatible with English family. 4 wks. Jul.-Aug. Upscale village, 70 mls. Boston, 6 hrs. N.Y. All mod. cons., tennis, pool, club, lakes, history. Prefer within 1 hr. *radius London*. Write Box 1629 S, The Times.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HELP ? See Domestic Sits reqd.

ROOFING, WATERPROOFING, gutters. See Business to Business.

IRON AND STEEL SCRAP.—See Businesses for Sale.

CAN YOU SPARE ONE Sunday afternoon a month? Contact needs volunteer drivers to take out lonely old people. 01-240 0630.

SMALLWOOD MANOR—Denstone College scholarships. See Educational.

£20,000 available for investment. —See Business to Business.

STONEHOUSE.—Writes in the New Review.—See Sales Wants.

EXPORT SALES Co. require products. See Business or Business.

C'EST NOUVEAU BEAUJOLAIS !—See For Sale and Wanted, today.

BMW 2500, 1974, very good condition. See Motor column.

REDECORATING OR ALTERATIONS ? See Business to Business

MUSICIANS FLAT. Soundproof music room. See *Flat Share*.

CAR INSURANCE. For best rates BIA Lloyds. See Motors.

JEAN. Thank you for the last 20 years. Here's to at least 20 more. All my love.—Mike.

M—LA ROCHELLE assignment *received, will meet you restaurant* Friday.—S.

VICTORIAN banjo barometer with original clock. £185.—828 4685, evenings.

STEINWAY BOUDOIR GRAND. Beautiful, bargain £1,600.—460 5829.

YOUNG MAN tutoring France/ Italy. See Sits. Wanted.

DESIGN AND PRINT cheaply.—See Business to Business.

THE ROYAL COLLEGE of Surgeons of England continues to play a *leading role in surgical advances* and in developing surgical skills and wishes to thank the many anonymous friends who have made it possible to continue this vital but costly work. Gifts, covenants and legacies for the College's *general Charitable purposes* may be sent to: Appeal Secretary, Royal College of Surgeons of England, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN.

COTE D'AZUR.—Exchange flat, Nice: sleeps 3½: 20th Dec.-5th Jan. for ditto. *London*.—730 0045.

WAREHOUSING/HAULAGE CO. for sale. See Business to Business.

WOULD YOU LIKE to increase your income by being host to overseas holiday visitors? See Services.

DO YOU WANT to buy an artistic Mayfair business for your wife and/or son or daughter" See *Businesses for Sale.*

WILL EBP please ring Sard, 0407 0450.

BMW 2500, 1974, very good condition. See Motor column.

PUTNEY—BARNES: Super flat.—See London—Flats.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HELP ? See Domestic Sits reqd.

LUXURY Motor Caravan, 1975.— See Motor Column.

ALL SOLD OUT

FOLLOWING CONTENTS of luxuriously furnished home for disposal. Antique furniture, oil paintings, various Persian rugs including Caucasian 7ft. x 5ft., and Kashan 10 x 3ft. from £75. Beautiful French Ormolu Clock Set, £170. Several objets d'art and an exceptionally fine Persian Carpet purchased at Auction £450 accept £250. No dealers.

15 CALLS

This was the response received by this advertiser who booked the advert on our successful series plan (4 consecutive days with 5th day free). If you have to sell unwanted articles

Ring

01-837 3311

and let The Times help you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

is the largest single supporter in the UK of research into all forms of cancer.

Help us to conquer cancer with a legacy, donation or "In Memoriam" donation to Sir John Reiss, Hon. Treasurer,

CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN
Dept TX1, 2 *Carlton House* Terrace, London, SW1Y 5AR.

SPORT AND RECREATION

SKIERS. Beautiful Salopette Suits *under* £40. Fle-Fit Ski Boots from £16.00. 9.30-7.00 p.m. 5.30 Sats. The Ski Shop, 158 Notting Hill Gate, W.11. 229 8486. Also at 6 Park Walk, S.W.10, 352 0627.

HATHA YOGA is the yoga of the *physical self* . . . simply breathing and relaxation exercises that help ease away life's tensions and revitalise your body. Weekday and weekend classes. Phone The Yoga Studio 01-935 6549.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND.—UNICEF Greeting Cards *mean more than good wishes*: every card sold is help to a child in need. Cards and Brochures from: UNICEF G CO, 12 Stratford Place, London, W.1. Tel. 01-493 9417, or U.K. Committee for UNICEF, 99 Dean Street, London W.1, or UNA Shop, 23 New Quebec St., London, W.1, and all better card shops.

ATTENTION all ballet fans: London Festival Ballet's special 25th Anniversary Christmas Card features a beautiful colour photograph of the Vision Scene from their famous new production of the *Sleeping Beauty*. *Cards* 15p each or £1.40 for 10 inc postage. Send your cheques/postal orders to: "Christmas Card" Festival Ballet, 39 Welbeck St., London W1M 7HE.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE ICE PACK. Superb quality. Full colour Christmas Card 7½in x 5in. £1.50 per 10 inclusive. Fishermen's Mission, 43 Nottingham Place, London, W1M 4BX.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD COMPANY

Good Entertainment from 9 p.m. You'll feel at ease with your clients at

THE GASLIGHT
4 Duke of York Street,
St. James, S.W.1.

The venue where the friendly atmosphere exists.

Reservations
734 1071 Day-time
930 1648 After 8 p.m.

UK HOLIDAYS

WANTED COUNTRY COTTAGE for weekend 28th-30th November. Dorset or Wiltshire preferred. Telephone Mr Gamble 01-992 5399.

OLDE WORLDE with mod. cons.: comfortable warm cottage. Malvern Hills beauty spot; available for short lets, sleeps 4: £35 p.w. —Watlington 2192 eves.

KENSINGTON FLATS. Luxury, serviced Mr. Page, 01-373 3433.

ALBANY HOTEL, *Barkston Gardens* S.W.5 welcomes you. Recently modernized: near West London air terminal. 01-370 6116.

CORNWALL. Enchanting 2-bedroom chalet in quiet woodland overlooking Helford River, 1 minute *from beach*. £50 p.w. 01-352 8270.

TO LET for Christmas holidays and throughout year, remote 17th century Welsh cottage on private estate, in mid-Wales. Sleeps 5 — Ring 01-602 1659.

N.W.3 FLAT (sleeps 5) to let 6 weeks from Dec. 24th. £35 p.w. 01-722 5828 eves.

TO LET for Christmas holidays: also *available now and during year*, fully equipped cottage, Herefordshire, Wye Valley; sleeps 5.— Ring Symonds Yat 330.

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS

FLY : IT COSTS LESS FOR MORE

ABC to NORTH AMERICA/ CANADA, WEST AFRICA. Inclusive tours to Africa, Seychelles and Mauritius. Economy flights to Australia, Far East, India, Pakistan. Contact: TRAVEL CENTRE (London), 119 Oxford St., W1R 1PA

Tel.: 01-437 9154/2059 or 734 5788
ATOL 113B

WHEN FLYING

contact Miss Ingrid Wehr for low cost fares to New York, Australia, Africa and Far East by scheduled carrier. Also selected destinations of Europe.

MAYFAIR TRAVEL
(Airline Agents)
4th floor,
31-32 Haymarket, London, S.W.1. Tel.: 839 1681 (4 lines). Telex 916167.

TOP FLIGHT TRAVELS

Worldwide economy flights to New York, Far East, Australia, New Zealand, East, West and Central Africa, Caribbean, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Europe.—29-31 Edgware Rd. (2 mins Marble Arch Tube), W.2. *Tel.* 402 9373 (4 lines). Airline Agents. (Sats. till 1 p.m.)

WINTER IN THE DORDOGNE (nr. Riberac). Excellently appointed house or cottage available at all inclusive terms averaging £10 per head weekly. Hamilton, Haylers Farmhouse, Coolham, Sussex. Coolham 267 (after 8 p.m.).

SASS FEE. Very well equipped chalet for 17 people. Available for private chalet party, 15 days from Jan. 10th, £102 per person. Tel. John Morgan Travel, 01-589 7478.

SAVE £30 + TO EUROPE. Tours, scheduled flights Heathrow, plus Skiers Special Air Service to Geneva, Zurich, winter 75-76. V.F.L. 01-222 7575. ATOL 401B.

WINTER SUN, GOZO. Lovely converted farmhouse with cook. Sleeps 6, until end March. £20 + £3 per person p.w. 'for Phone Oxford 45150.

GREECE, EUROPE or worldwide, you choose, we provide. Eurocheck. 542 4614-2151 (Airline Agts.).

SKI-EASY with young mixed groups in Austria, 1 or 2 wks. from £59. Fentrek, Chislehurst, Kent, 01-467 9417.

NR. MALAGA and Estepona Apts sleep 1-5, £110-£150 p.w. Studios sleep 2, £115-£60 p.w. Darmead Ltd., 132 Holland Pk Ave., London W11 4UE. 727 0037 8

SKIING. Christmas/New Year St. Anton (Skiers), Kitzbuhel (fun), Ischgl (families). Ring 01-230 7251.

GOLF HOLIDAYS. Costa del Sol, 7 nights from £74 including green fees and car hire. Phone for our Golf Brochure. Gamma Travel, 93 Grosvenor Street, London, W1. 01-492 1708. ATOL 701B.

UNIQUE SKI HOLIDAYS, 14 days touring Austria. Skiing top Resorts only. £71. Transit Ski-About. 01-637 8663.

COPENHAGEN £56. Paris £29, Amsterdam £39. Scheduled flights weekends from Heathrow, including hotel. Trans Euro 01-734 7638 Atol 451BC.

SKI JOBS in Scotland.—See Gen. eral Vacancies.

SKIERS wine and cheese party this Friday. Come and meet new friends. 01-589 7782.

VILLARS, SWITZERLAND. Grand de luxe chalet, ideal for skiing party of 16, available from January 10th, £1,200 p.w., including cordon bleu demi-pension and skiing. Box 1701 S, The Times.

LAS PALMAS FLATS. Winter lets. Also Marbella Villa, 01-908 0091.

SOUTH AMERICAN and Caribbean low cost flights start from £130. Try us for Barbados, Trinidad, Jamaica, Bahamas, Rio, Lima, Bogota, Caracas, etc. Trail Finders Ltd., 48(T), Earls Court Road, London, W8 6EJ. 01-937 9631.

ALGARVE VILLA HOLIDAYS. Though we are now sending out large supplies of our new brochures to our agents you can still get a copy mailed direct to your home. If you ring or write to: Algarve Villas Ltd, 148 Strand, London, W.C.2. 01-836 9028. Atol 670 B

SKI SCENE '76, 1 and 2 wk chalet and hotel holidays, S/c chalets and flats to rent. Ski Scene Ltd, 11 Duke St., S.W.1. 01-930 2457

PRIVATE SKI PARTY Champery 17-31 Jan., £114. 240 5456, ext. 2975.

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS

THOMSON GIVE YOU A RUN FOR YOUR MONEY IN SPAIN

Flights to Formigal from £47 and Panticosa from £53. And not just in Spain. There's another fourteen resorts to choose from in Austria, Switzerland, France and Italy, with flights from Luton, Gatwick, Heathrow, and Manchester.

We offer you the widest range of ski packs, comprehensive insurance included in all prices, and every holiday is sealed with the total reassurance of the Thomson Fair Trading Charter.

Get a brochure from your travel agent quickly, or ring us direct on 01-388 2001 (London departures) and 061-833 0911 (Manchester departures).

THOMSON WINTERSPORTS

Prices subject to availability and adjustment.

ATOL 152 BC

£5 OFF ORPHEUS TUNISIAN HOLIDAYS NOW !

For Tunisian holiday departures until December 10th Orpheus are offering £5 off our published brochure prices ! Choose from Sousse, Djerba and Hammamet—sun, sea, sand and wonderful modern hotels—prices from £69 (less £5 of course !). But hurry—only a few bookings still available—ring 01-734 2281 or 01-437 3283. (24hr Ansafone on 01-734 2281.)

ORPHEUS HOLIDAYS,
22 Queens House,
Leicester Place,
Leicester Square, London, WC2
ATOL 705B

TRAVELAIR

to Australia, The Far East, New Zealand.

Considerable savings on single and return fares.

Seats available for Christmas.

TRAVELAIR
INTERNATIONAL LOW COST TRAVEL
2nd Floor
40 Great Marlborough Street
London, W1V 1DA
Tel.: 01-437 6016/7 or 01-439 7505/6
CAA ATOL 109D
Late Bookings Welcome.

BARGAIN BREAKS CRETE

This is just one of our sunny bargain breaks this winter. Creta Hotel, Aghios Nicolaos, £75 1 week, £85 2 weeks. Singles villa party £75 1 week, £85 2 weeks. Private villas from £75. All prices include scheduled flight and surcharges. Ring now, 637 5072 for more details.

COSMOPOLITAN HOLIDAYS
296 Regent Street, W 1.
ATOL 213 BD.

SINGLES WINTER HOLIDAYS

If you're single and want a different winter holiday with friendly likeminded people—come and collect some winter sunshine in Tenerife or *Majorca, or for full details of* our programme write to Tania White.

Singles Holidays,
23 Abingdon Rd., London W.8
Tel.: 01-937 6503 (24 hrs.)
ATOL 643B

MARBELLA

area

SCHEDULED flights from Heathrow, PLUS villa, PLUS *free car from: £75 for 8 days* or £107 for 15 days. ALSO 4 and 5 STAR HOTELS.

Golf Villa Holidays
109-111 Ballards Lane
London, N.3
Telephone
01-349 0565 01-346 7784
(ATOL 272B)

THE EXPERTS

SINGAPORE, TOKYO, SYDNEY, AUCKLAND, ROME, SEYCHELLES, MAURITIUS EUROPE and other destinations. Largest selection. Guaranteed scheduled departures.

FLAMINGO TRAVEL,
76 Shaftesbury Avenue, W.1.
Tel: 01-439 7751/2.
Open Saturday.
Airline Agent.

SKI ★ ANDORRA ★ SKI

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 2 weeks from £81, 1 week, £76. January to April, weekly departures from only £49. BEA flights, B. and B. hotel, cheap ski-packs, skiing at 9,000 ft. Med. sunshine. Europe's *cheapest (duty-free) après-ski.*

FREEDOM HOLIDAYS
THE ANDORRA EXPERTS
01-937 5306. (ATOL 432 B)
24 hr. Brochurephone Service.

GIVE ITALY to your family for Christmas. A converted Tuscan *farm house superbly furnished*, beautiful views, 40 minutes Florence. Enjoy its treasures or leisurely country life. Two double and 2 single bedrooms, c.h. Minimum stay 2 weeks, £70 p.w. inc.—Evenings, Waller, Eversley (0734) 732005.

HOTEL ALALAYA PARK, MARBELLA. 5-star de-luxe. From a guaranteed £150 for 7 nights half board this winter from Luton, *Gatwick or Birmingham. Thomson* à la Carte—see your travel agent soon. ATOL 152BC.

FLY WINGSPAN Australia, New Zealand, Far East and Africa. Book now for Xmas to avoid disappointment. Most competitive fares.—Wingspan, 6 Great Queen St., W.C.2. 01-242 5686. Airline agents.

SAVE £££'S AND £££'S on most European destinations. Immediate depts., all guaranteed. E.O.T. *(Air Agents)*, 8 Charing Cross Road, W.C.2. 01-836 2662/ 1072/1383.

SWISS CITY TOURS. Geneva, Zurich, Berne throughout winter. Prices from £39 inc. 1st flight and accom. Brochure. C.P.T. 828 8555.

EUROPE, Tokyo and Australasia. We are the specialists. Call Clubair, 32 Shaftesbury Ave., London, W.1. Phone 437 7363—437 6547 (Airline Agents).

1976 SUNMED brochure available *soon. Please telephone* 01-351 3167 for advance copy.

CHRISTMAS IN MALTA and Canaries. Holidays, Sched. owner flights. Late booking experts. Bon Aventure 637 1649 (Air Agents).

SKI XMAS. Staffed Chalets, Hotels, Apartments in top Alpine resorts. Supertravel, 22 Hans Place, SW1. *Tel. 01-584 5060. ATOL 322B.*

SKI CHALLIGAN. Excellent skiing, Chalet Girls, sunshine and food. Phone for Brochure Jackie Evans, Slough, Berks. (0753) 21513.

INDIA-KASHMIR overland connections. Indonesia and Australia. *Brochure, Intercontinental*, 184 Goldhawk Rd., W 12. 01-749 3794

MADRID, BARCELONA, ATHENS. Daily flights from London for business or fun. Freedom Holidays. 01-937 4480, ATOL 432B.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND with CP Airline. Fly the Canadian Pacific way—via Vancouver. For full details (1.830 5664 now (nothing ring us on 01-930 5664 now or call at CP Airlines, 62 Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2. (1) you are flying by sea, it will come (you round the world trip.

FLIGHTS AND EXPEDITIONS to Europe, Africa, Asia, Australasia at realistic prices.—Venture Centre (AG), 177 Kensington High St., W.8. 01-937 8062 (Airline Agents).

INDIA, Indonesia, Australia, complete overland trip fare £250, to Katmandu, in 70 days. Call or write Asian Greyhounds, King's Road, Windsor. Tel. 60740.

SKI FLIGHTS. Fly British Airways *but save £££'s*. Call our experts and we will help you select your ski resort. Make your own choice but be sure to save money. Phone us now on 01-486 9821. *Villa* Flights, ATOL 301B.

ENCOUNTER OVERLAND. — The *world's most adventurous long* range expeditions through Asia, *Africa & S. America*. 01-370 6845.

SKI AUSTRIA. Young people, 11 Dec. £60 8 days. Eurotours, 88 Dalling Rd., W.6. 748 4834/ 6475. ABTA. Also 1976 Tours.

DISTINCTIVE CRUISING this winter from Southampton. The Canaries and Madeira, 14 days. £190. Phone Alan Moutrey. 01-734 0805.

SKI SELVA.—Private party, £119 March 13-27. 01-609 1380.

HOLIDAYS AND VILLAS

Get away from winter at a rate of knots

Get a move on and you could still catch the flight to Thomson's Autumn Explorer cruise casting off from Casablanca on 19th November.

7 nights of cruising in a style SS Ithaca has made her own, 7 nights of food and service, entertainment and *atmosphere out of this world* from Casablanca to Civitavecchia (for Rome) by way of Gibraltar, Palma and Corsica. And all cabins with private facilities.

Guaranteed prices still available from £114 *for a 4-berth* cabin or £164 for a 2-bed. Flights from Gatwick and Luton.

Details from your nearest travel agent
or
THOMSON CRUISES
direct on 01-388 0681.

But get on to one or other now.

THOMSON CRUISES
We take the care. You're free to enjoy yourself.

ATOL 152BC

CHEAPEST FLIGHT/ CRUISE BARGAINS

To the Canary Islands. Guaranteed standby £95, 2-berth cabins inclusive, no extras, no surcharges. Ports of call Mauretania, Arrecife, Agadir and Tenerife. Departures from Gatwick 13th December, 3rd and 24th January.

FINNLINES,
01-205 4006, 01-200 0985.

ATOL 021B. Offer closes 30th November.

UNITED AIR TRAVELS LTD.

offers you economical fares to AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, U.S.A., CANADA, Far East, Middle East, Gulf, India, Pakistan, N.W. Africa and other destinations. Seats available Nov.-Dec. *Specialists in late* bookings.

Contact :
5-6 Coventry Street, W.1
01-439 2326/7/8
01-734 2345
(Airline Agents)

SUPERB WINTER INVESTMENT FROM £190

This winter the 16,000 ton T.T.S. Atlas sails from Southampton on 13-day cruises to the Canaries. (19 Dec., '75; 2, 16, 30 Jan.; 13, 27 Feb.; 12, 26 Mar.; and 9 Apr., '76.) The T.T.S. Atlas provides the ultimate in shipboard amenities, service and cuisine.

For full colour brochure about this ship contact Alan Moutrey, EPIROTIKI LINES (LONDON) LTD., 6, Quadrant Arcade, Regent St., W.1, 01-734 0805

ECONAIR* ECONAIR* ECONAIR* ECONAIR*

WORLD TRAVEL SERVICE

ECONAIR
INTERNATIONAL
2/13 Albion Buildings
Aldersgate Street
London EC1A 7DT
01-606 7968/9207
(Airline Agents)

PERSONAL-SERVICE TRAVEL SPECIALISTS

AFRICA, INDIA, PAKISTAN, SEYCHELLES, S. AMERICA, ROME, CAIRO, ADDIS, FAR EAST, AUSTRALIA, other destinations.

INDO-AFRIC TRAVEL LTD.,
450 Grand Bldgs.,
Trafalgar Sq., London, W.C.2.
01-839 5093/3/4.
ATOL 487D, 24-hour Service.

AUSTRALIA

NEW ZEALAND

Flights one way £206, return £381, Jetship £198. Many varied and exciting stop overs. Specialists to Australia and New Zealand.

NAT EUROTOURS LTD.,
38 Poland St., London, W.1.
01-734 1087/437 5144
(Airline Agents).

BARBADOS

Superb beach villa, three double bedrooms all en suite, magnificent gardens and swimming pool. Staff of cook and 2 maids included. Available throughout the year.

Phone 01-402 9438
or write Mr Morgan
167 Gloucester Terrace,
London, W.2.

CHRISTMAS PARTY IN CRETE

for Singles and Couples.

Tel. 01-637 5072

COSMOPOLITAN HOLIDAYS
296 Regent St., W.1.

A.B.T.A.

BEST VALUE AIR FARES! To South Africa, Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria, Australia, New Zealand, U.S.A., Canada, Far East, Europe. Regular departures. Goldstream Travel Ltd., 01-836 3003 (24 hours), 35 *Denmark* Street, London, W.C.2. (Airline Agents.)

CANARY ISLANDS.—First for sun and warm clean Atlantic beaches. Flats, hotels, flights all year. Consult the specialists: Mainsale Travel, 6 Vigo St., London W.1. Tel. 01-439 6633 (ATOL 203BC).

JO'BURG Nairobi, Australia N.Z., *Far Middle East and Europe.* Book Economy and Reliability with Major Travel Services Ltd., 28 Conduit St., W.1. Tel. 499 3941, 629 6080 (Airline Agents).

WINTER IN GREECE with Olympic Holidays 1 week from £56 fully inclusive and fully protected. See your travel agent or phone Graham, 01-727 8050. ATOL 541B.

MOROCCAN TREKS, 2 or 3 wks. overland with young people, from £82. Next deps 10, 17, 24 Oct. onwards. Fentrek, Chislehurst, Kent. 01-467 9417.

RELIABLE ECONOMY FLIGHTS in more than 100 destinations. Cancorn Travel (Airline Agts.), 21 Ebury Bdg. Rd., SW1. 730 0657.

WHY PAY MORE? Economy flights to most destinations.—01-734 0786 5201 Travelcare Airline Agents.

AMSTERDAM, PARIS, BRUSSELS or Bruges. Individual holidays *Time Off Ltd.*, 2a Chester Close London, S.W.1. 01-235 8070.

GERMANY, I.T. trips by air from £36.50 return. Weekly deps. Christmas already filling up. Book now. German Tourist Facilities Ltd., 184 Kensington Church Street, W.8. Tel. 01-229 0327. ABTA ATOL 622B.

JOIN SKIING CHALET PARTY in Verbier for Christmas and New Year. Up to 8 people. *Phone* Aldershot 314421.

COME TO COGNAC. As the guests of Jas. Hennessy. Details in Saturday's Times and on bottles of Hennessy Bras Armé Cognac.

INGHAMS CHRISTMAS SKIING in Austria. For 1-2 week holidays departing London, 14 and 18 December, phone Inghams, 01-789 5566. ATOL 025B.

STE. MAXIME, 15 mins. Villa for 4 available now till mid-Feb. Details from Terres Blanches Estates Ltd., 336 1628.

MUNICH, ZURICH, MILAN. Budget winter tours from £38 inc. Prices *guaranteed.* — *Chancery Travel*, 01-351 3366. ATOL 659B.

CHRISTMAS IN SWEDEN ? Go London-Gothenburg for £21 or Stockholm for £26. Tor Line's special Xmas fare includes coach/ rail travel from London to Immingham or Felixstowe plus your passage to Gothenburg in couchette accommodation. Ask your travel agent for details or ring 01-930 0881.

FASHION AND BEAUTY

FISCHELIS FASHION FUR fabulously. For full colour brochure of my winter collection write or telephone: Alan Fischelis, 3 Portman Square, London, W1H 9PS. 01-935 5093.

LIFE'S too short to renounce pleasure. Visit our Knightsbridge boutique to see Jane Reger's new collection of satin and silk lingerie. Janet Reger, 2 Beauchamp Place, London S.W.3.

ANIMALS AND BIRDS

THE DOG TRAINING CENTRE famous for obedience, guard house-training 01-950 3730.

GOLDEN RETRIEVER puppies, excellent pedigree (sire Camros Octavius), good working strain, fine temperament, ready now £40.—Slindon (024365) 261.

SIAMESE KITTENS, excellent pedigree, 876 2933.

FOR SALE AND WANTED

CARPETS, FURNITURE, BEDDING

Many Bulk Buys at Great Savings

One million pounds in stock, immediate delivery or cash and *carry*. Carpets, famous ex-exhibition from 20p per sq. yd. In top quality Axminster, Wiltons. Expert fitting-measuring service. Vast stocks branded bedding and furniture, amazing savings. 6-day trading, late night Fridays (Ealing and Newhaven).

Sapphire Carpet and Furniture Warehouses,
16 Uxbridge Rd., Ealing, W.5
Tel. 01-579 2323
Reading (The Butts Shopping Centre)
Tel. (0734) 582 337/9
Newhaven (1 The Drove), Newhaven Station
Tel. (07912) 7211/4

CARPETS

CANCELLATION OF HOTEL ORDER

2,000 yds. of plain mahogany brown woven Wilton carpet—27in. wide in one colour at £2.95 per yard.

MADE TO SELL AT OVER £5 PER YARD

MEASURE, MAKE AND LAY FREE ESTIMATES

Trade enquiries welcomed : Samples on request.

CHATSWORTH CARPET LTD.
Contract Department
227 Brompton Rd., S.W.3
01-584 1386/7

CARPET SALE

Heavy quality contract cord carpet £1.99 yd. (inc. VAT). Eight colours. Standard quality from £1.25 yd.

RESISTA CARPETS LTD

584 Fulham Rd., S.W.6. 01-736 7551
255 New King's Rd., S.W.6. 01-731 2588
182 Upper Richmond Rd. West, S.W.14. 01-876 2089

London's leading Specialists in plain Wiltons and Cords.

LUXURY BATHROOM SUITES

We offer large discounts on our wide range of top brand named suites. Choose from over 14 colours, including corner baths in Black, Peony, Penthouse and new Sepia. Immediate delivery. Come and choose your suite

C. P. HART & SONS LTD
4, 5 London Rd., & Newnham Terrace, Hercules Rd., S.E.1. Tel. 01-928 5866.

LIQUIDATION STOCK

OFFICE FURNITURE FROM BANKRUPT FIRMS

Modern, mahogany, antique, desks, executive chairs, Roneo lateral filing cabs., cupboards, bookcases, Kardex and Roneodex cabinets. Adler and Olympia typewriters.

Full details from Brian North or Andrew Mackie on 01-837 9663. On view at COMMERCIAL, 36/47 Great Sutton Street, E.C.1.

BERGERE SUITE

Newly restored in gold Dralon, beautifully carved large 3-seater settee and 2 armchairs. Well under current value—£650 o.n.o.

Phone Watford (92) 25136 p.m.

WHERE THERE'S A WILL . . . there's a way to help the Blind. The Royal London Society for the Blind needs a legacy from you to help the Blind lead active and useful lives. Further information from the Hon. Sec., 105 Salusbury Road, NW6. (Regd. Nat. Assistance Act, 1948 and Charities Act, 1960).

NOVEMBER 18, 1836 : W. S. Gilbert born. Today one in British children born crippled handicapped. Help with donation to Action Research for Crippled Child, T. Springfield Road, Horsham, Sussex.

BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU. First joint sale by most of London shippers at the Abercorn Rooms, Liverpool Street, Monday, 17th November, 11 a.m. (11-9.30). Catalogue 30p. Sale Eves. 01-603 1361.

CARPETS AT LARGE DISCOUNT Save up to 35% off List Price all carpet orders. Delivery anywhere in U.K. Write E. A. Carpets, Concord House, 57 don Road, Brighton, Sussex. Telephone BTN 691478.

CURTAINS FOR YOU.—Pal brought to your home inc. derson & Sekers. All expertly made and fitted. Furnishings Services (Wa 01-304 0748 and Ruislip

DIAMOND JEWELS anique modern. Emeralds and Sap also urgently wanted for highest prices paid. Valu made.—Bentleys, 65 New St., W1Y 9DF. 01-629 065

ANTIQUARIAN BOOKS co wants to buy for cash quality leather bound Write with price required description to Box 1364 S. Times.

SAVE £ £ £ £'s now on good s hand *office equipment* Slo Son, 2 Farringdon Road, 253 9688.

FRANK SINATRA tickets ol and we obtain the unobta Tickets for sporting event theatre—359 5363.

WANTED old wall clock, 24 meter face, preferably numerals and electric, or external Brighton 255

SUPERB WELMAR UP Piano, virtually new. £850, sacrifice at £600 in stool. Cardiff (0222) 5

YAMAHA SFT, Grand Piano. As new, £1,750 o.n.o. Royston (0763) 71541 eve

WANTED—large stocks of and gents' clothing inc. and coats, etc. Also fr from manufacturers and salers. Cash waiting. S Haslam, 061-226 0750 ness hours.

PIANOS—Large selection all makes and era stein, Bluthner, etc. Also removals.—Watts, 730 85

FRANK SINATRA seats av 01-580 7725.

MIES VAN DER ROHE.— lona chairs, £200 each.— 722 8251

ADLER TYPEWRITERS 10 prices. Woodstock 837 57

BECHSTEIN upright piano £650.—Combton (055 5 eves.

OLD YORK stone paving. ton.—Morse (0234) 61

8 VICTORIAN REPRODUC Queen Anne style walnut chairs, 6 + 2 carvers, £ Walton on Thames 2061

SELLING JEWELLERY. Silver ? We pay top prices cash. Register your parc for immediate cash offer, obligation to sell, or cal Hayes & Sons, Diamond 37 Hatton Garden, Londo 8CR. Tel. 01-405 8177.

IBM ELECTRIC TYPEWRIT The Verter Way.—See 1 Services.

OLD YORK FLAGSTONES or H. & H. Tel.: Lacock 316

(continued on page

© TIMES NEWSPAPERS LIMITED, 1975

Printed and Published by Times Newspapers Limited at New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EZ, England. Telephone: 01-837 1234. Tuesday, November 18, 1975. Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office.

مكتبة الاسكندرية

OMAN

s now more than five years since Sultan Qaboos supplanted his father and started to lead his country out of the Middle Ages into the twentieth ury. This Special Report looks at the achievements of that period and the problems to which they have given rise. Particular emphasis is put on geographical diversity of the sultanate, from the jagged peaks of the Musandam peninsula in the north to the monsoon-washed mountains of Dhofar. The ancient forts of Oman are the subject of a picture feature on pages VII and X

eed gives way to uality in change

by Simon Scott Plummer

completed the first its transformation isolated, stagnant lespot into a mod- Since Sultan placed his futher and opened the the outside world. nt has been rapid icular. In a recent with *The Times* said that initially dd not afford to other countries: it just to draw level rearguard. Now, *t was in a position* wn and recover its

ice this has meant rol over spending *eriod of financial* ment in which the t ran up large construction com- jects must now be by the develop- cil before they are t. The council was the end of last consists of the Sul- nior ministers and ptian secretary- ir Sherif Lutfi.

973 to 1974 invest- civil development quadrupled, from ls to 127.9m rials, of the *rapid rise in* of oil. This year e is 174.4m rials In 1976 it will fall n 120m and 150m rding to Mr Lutfi, this excludes the of aid from other

i is hoping for a pid increase in the investment from top in military ex- *resulting from the* he communist-sup- ular Front for the of Oman (PFLO) litate this. Defence security account r cent of the bud-

vision of basic ser- as roads, water, d hospitals has st of development Such facilities ive, do not gene- rate income directly and require maintenance.

Having brought the services up to scratch, the Government is turning its attention to income generating projects. These include the exploitation of minerals other than oil, primarily copper but also asbestos, phosphates, coal, manganese and *chrome: the promotion of* agriculture and fishing; and the creation of industry, from oil refining and petrochemicals to cement, asbestos and light manufactures such as soft drinks, glass, shoes, furniture and processed food.

Meanwhile, prospecting for *new* oil fields continues. Sun Oil has found a promising well in its offshore concession near Masirah, and Elf-Erap and Elf-Sumitomo are drilling respectively off the Musandam peninsula and inland near the border with Saudi Arabia.

Completion of the first phase of development under Sultan Qaboos provides a *good opportunity* for assessing the achievements of his regime and the problems facing it in this period of consolidation.

The achievements are *manifold* and, given that Oman is not rich like Saudi Arabia or Abu Dhabi, admirable. *Sultan Qaboos* has brought his country out of isolation on to the international stage. It has joined the United Nations and the Arab League and established diplomatic relations with more than 30 countries. Within Oman he has united the north and the southern province of Dhofar more closely than before. The two are separated by hundreds of *miles of desert* and have different cultural, tribal, economic and historical traditions.

Many educated Omanis who left home under Sultan Said for lack of jobs have returned to work under his son and can be found in every ministry.



Harry Kerr

Between the ancient cannon of Fort Mirani, one of two forts which dominate the harbour of Muscat, the transistor radio symbolizes the transformations of five years. The fort was built by the Portuguese in 1588.

In 1970 the country had 10 km of asphalted road. Today there are more than 500 km, up the Batina coast to the border with Fujairah, inland to Nizwa, from Salalah through the mountains to Thamarit (Midway).

At the end of Sultan Said's reign Oman had 900 boys and 30 teachers in three schools. In the last academic year the figures were 36,851 *male and* 12,378 *female students*, 2,115 teachers and 176 schools.

Medical care was furnished principally by a mission of the Dutch Reformed Church in America, which had two hospitals in Muttrah and Muscat. Now there are 13 hospitals, 12 health centres and 39 dispensaries throughout the country.

These are the most striking *civilian changes wrought* by Sultan Qaboos. Among the others are the construction of an international airport at Sib and of ports at Muttrah and Raysut in Dhofar, the provision of electricity, drinking water and low-cost housing, and the development of telecommunications, including the opening of radio and television stations.

With regard to national security the Sultan has largely stamped out the threat of subversion from within. During his reign the size of the Armed Forces has risen from about 4,000 to 15,000 men. As well as fighting the PFLO they play an important role in civilian development by building roads, supplying water and running an internal air service.

In Dhofar the guerrillas have been driven westwards towards the border with South Yemen. Last month the main PFLO supply route was blocked and South Yemen territory attacked for the first time in three years. It remains to be seen whether the recent use of heavier *artillery* by the enemy will interrupt the steady progress of the Sultan's Armed Forces.

In the north there have been two major incidents involving the PFLO. Nearly three years ago a network of cells was found in Muscat, Muttrah, Sur and Nizwa. Large quantities of arms and ammunition were seized and 90 people arrested. Of these, *11 were executed*, some were jailed and others released.

In October, 1974, a Land-Rover *was stopped after* dark at a military roadblock near Rustaq. The driver shot a soldier and was himself killed. The five other occupants of the vehicle escaped but four of them were later captured. Three were executed and the fourth sent to prison.

The Land-Rover was packed with detonators and silencers. It also contained documents, some in code, others in invisible ink, from which it was clear that the PFLO has no organized apparatus in the north.

By fighting the guerrillas the Sultan has brought greater security to his people. Through civil development he has provided work and social welfare, thereby raising the standard of living. Vigorous pursuit of both policies has justified the overthrow of his father and established him firmly as ruler of Oman.

Rapid development has brought problems as well as benefits, however. The emphasis so far has been on quantity rather than quality with the result that some services are overburdened and unable to function to the best effect.

The pace of change has been bewildering to older Omanis used to a more measured and quieter way of life. One sees dead animals by the road, killed because their owners had no idea of the speed of modern traffic.

The area around Muscat *now has its regular rush-hour* traffic jams. The number of vehicles registered rose from 840 in 1971 to 1,515 in 1974. There were 155 people killed in road accidents last year, compared with 54 in 1973.

With *more money* around and more work to do, competition for land and jobs is better. It is too early to say whether the new *tempo of life* has led to a greater incidence of mental illness but the Government is apparently aware of the dangers to health which modern living can bring. While I was in the country last month the *Times of Oman*, a weekly English-language newspaper, published articles about hypertension and obesity and about the effect on the heart of cholesterol and smoking.

Increased prosperity has been accompanied by a higher rate of crime and wide discrepancies in earnings. Government officials are poorly paid compared to those with similar qualifications in the private sector and this could put a strain on their loyalty and honesty.

The recent brake on government spending has given rise to complaints that the Sultan builds himself *palaces, has fountains* installed in the capital area, orders Rapier missiles and Jaguar aircraft, but cuts back on civil development. The expectations of Omanis have been raised since 1970 and they wish to see them met as quickly as possible. The *demand for change will* become louder as roads open up the country and allow people to travel to the main poles of development, the areas around Muscat and Salalah, and see how much more has been done there than elsewhere.

According to Sultan Qaboos, the main trouble is lack of local manpower. *Oman is roughly the size of* England and Wales with a population estimated by some at a million, by others at half that number. Few Omanis have *received much* education, so the country relies heavily on foreign labour, particularly from India and Pakistan.

Mr Khalfan Nasser, Minister of Social Affairs and Labour, thinks there are more than 45,000 foreigners *working in the private sector* and more than 5,000 in government service. They bring their own habits with them, some of which, such as the consumption of alcohol, are harmful to Oman eyes.

The presence of foreigners in the Government leads some *people to suspect* that the country is run by expatriates who draw fat salaries and appoint their compatriots to the best jobs.

A *further ingredient* in this racial mix is the return in recent years of Oman passport holders from Zanzibar, which was part of the Sultan's empire in the nineteenth century. They are better educated than most mainland Omanis and tend to look down on them. Many cannot speak Arabic.

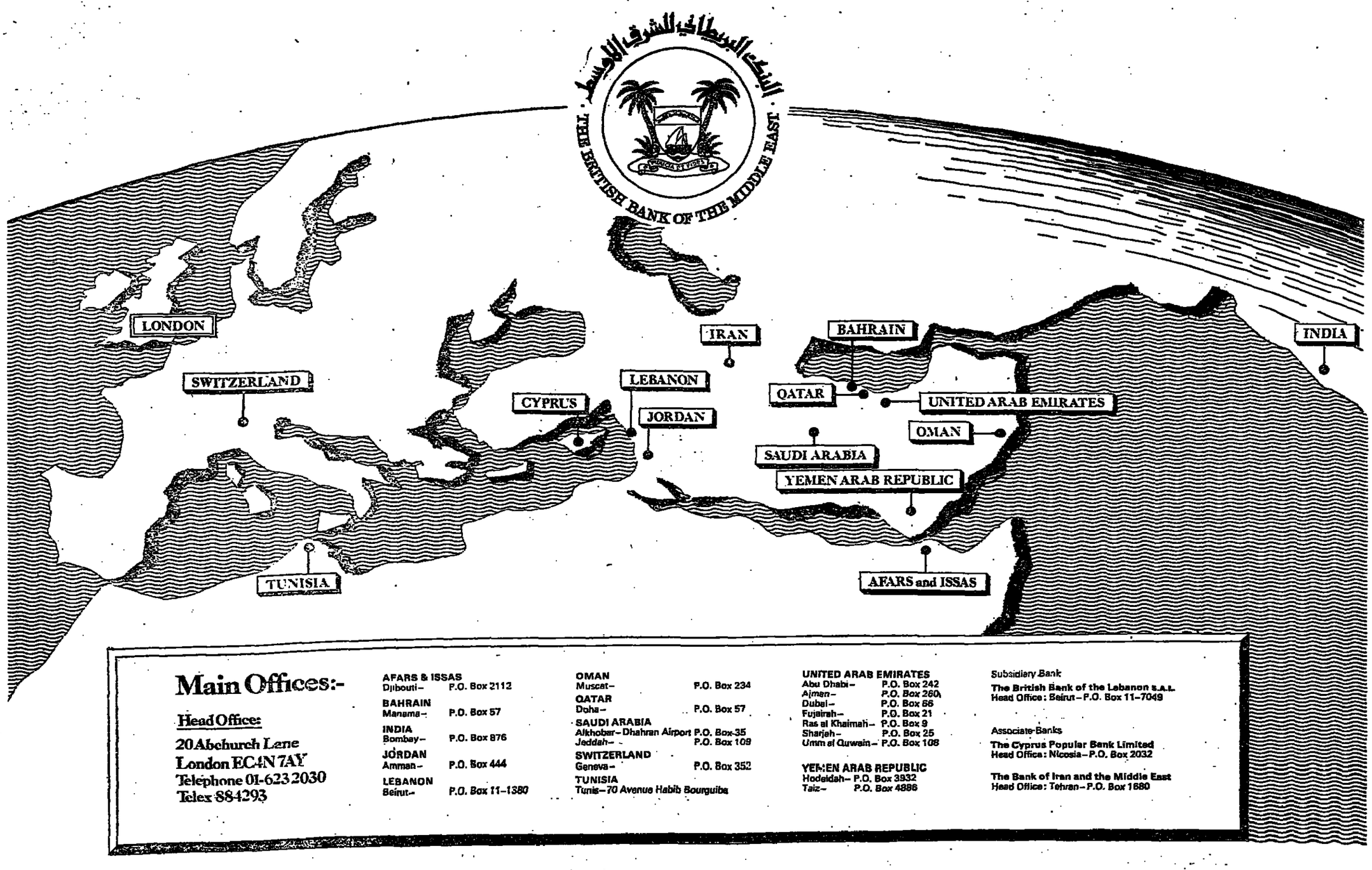
It is important for Oman to achieve an harmonious *relationship* between the various nationalities which the development programme has drawn to its shores. The number of educated Omanis is rising steadily but so is the complexity of the technology which the country imports. It will need foreign help for a long time to come.

On other pages

Sultan Qaboos : profile and interview	II
Economy	IV
Foreign relations ; health service	V
Youth	VI
Map ; capital area	VIII
Dhofar ; interior	IX
Batina	XI
Sharqia	XII
The desert ; Musandam peninsula	XIII
Costume in Oman	XIV

The British Bank of the Middle East

A member of The Hongkong Bank Group



Main Offices:-

Head Office:
20 Abchurch Lane
London EC4N 7AY
Telephone 01-623 2030
Telex 884293

AFARS & ISSAS
Djibouti– P.O. Box 2112
BAHRAIN
Manama– P.O. Box 57
INDIA
Bombay– P.O. Box 876
JORDAN
Amman– P.O. Box 444
LEBANON
Beirut– P.O. Box 11–1380
OMAN
Muscat– P.O. Box 234
QATAR
Doha– P.O. Box 57
SAUDI ARABIA
Alkhobar–Dhahran Airport P.O. Box 35
Jeddah– P.O. Box 109
SWITZERLAND
Geneva– P.O. Box 352
TUNISIA
Tunis–70 Avenue Habib Bourguiba
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
Abu Dhabi– P.O. Box 242
Ajman– P.O. Box 260
Dubai– P.O. Box 66
Fujairah– P.O. Box 21
Ras al Khaimah– P.O. Box 9
Sharjah– P.O. Box 25
Umm al Quwain– P.O. Box 108
YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC
Hodeidah– P.O. Box 3932
Taiz– P.O. Box 4886

Subsidiary Bank
The British Bank of the Lebanon S.A.L.
Head Office: Beirut–P.O. Box 11–7049

Associate Banks
The Cyprus Popular Bank Limited
Head Office: Nicosia–P.O. Box 2032
The Bank of Iran and the Middle East
Head Office: Tehran–P.O. Box 1680

Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and Mr P. Nicholls.

Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to

GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

200,199 277,199 304,859 337,574

Sultan enjoys wide measure of popular support after first five years in power

by Simon Scott Plummer





Sultan Qaboos of Oman who is 35 today. Right: general view of Muscat showing the Sultan's new palace in the foreground.

Sultan Qaboos, who is 35 today, finds time outside his duties as Head of State and Minister of Defence to pursue a variety of interests.

He has enjoyed riding since the age of four and keeps Arab and Pakistan horses. He likes baroque and classical music, particularly Bach and Haydn. He takes a close interest in his various residences and estates. The living quarters of his new palace in Muscat, a large, ornate building which has completely altered the waterfront of the capital, have just been completed. Until now his main residence in the north has been near the airport at Sib, about 25 miles outside Muscat.

To the visitor Sultan Qaboos is charming and courteous, slow and careful in speaking English, not given to exaggeration or dramatic gesture, a person who apparently keeps his feelings to himself. He is criticized by some people for being too diffident in public. They think he should travel around Oman more and make more speeches on television; that he should be more of a politician and less of an aloof ruler.

Whatever his faults, the Sultan has succeeded in overcoming the disadvantages of an extremely repressive upbringing and in gaining a wide measure of popular support as ruler. His father, Sultan Said bin Timur, did not allow him out of the country until he was 16.

He went to England and was tutored for two years in a large house near Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk. Sandhurst and service with the Cameronians in West Germany followed. During his final two years away from Oman he visited magistrates' courts in London, went on a world tour and studied local government in Ipswich.

Having given his son a taste of the outside world, Sultan Said then confined him to Salalah, the capital of the southern province of Dhofar, for the next six years. In July 1970 Qaboos broke free of paternal tyranny at last and, with British connivance, overthrew his father, who went into exile in Britain.

It was in the old palace in Salalah, from which his father dominated the country, that Sultan Qaboos gave an interview to *The Times*. The palace stands on the edge of the Indian Ocean, the dominant feature in the old walled town, and has been largely restored over the past few years. The Sultan's mother lives there but he uses it as an office only, having built a new residence outside Salalah. About half his time in Oman is spent in Dhofar.

I met him on the eve of a big military operation by his armed forces against South Yemen and guerrillas of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman (PFLO), and talked to him about his first five years in power.

It is now more than five years since you assumed power in Oman. What have been the sultanate's main achievements during that period and what are the biggest difficulties facing it today?

When one talks about achievements one must relate them to what the country was before 1970. First of all, I believe we have achieved one of the most difficult aims for a country which before 1970 was still in the Middle Ages. Happily, I can say now we have entered the twentieth century, not completely, but at least we are in the twentieth century. That is one of the achievements which I think makes us all in this country quite happy.

That is the framework. Within that we are quite satisfied that we have gone a long way on education. People always quote figures. I think quoting figures is not the right answer. The right answer is that one can see, for instance, that a lot of our Omanis are now receiving higher education in the United Kingdom, France, America and other places. Before, they never did, except for a handful who were educating themselves. For me the important thing is the people whom the Government are now sending abroad for higher education.

I think we have gone a long way in health. The country is divided into 38 *wilayat* (governorates) and in every one there is either a hospital or a clinic, according to the size of the population.

Communications is the key to everything. We have completed nearly 1,000 kms of roads in Oman. One can speak by telephone from Dhofar, for instance, to any part of the world. We have not covered every corner of the country. This is very difficult to do in a short time. But the aim is to do so.

We have one small earth satellite and in a few weeks I shall be opening the big one. We hope that through it we shall be able to receive the Olympic Games on our television screens. We have two broadcasting stations.

However, the main achievement since 1970 has been that I can now see the fruits of our efforts during the past five years—people now having higher education coming back to serve their country.

To come to the second part of your question, I think there is only one problem facing this country—manpower. We haven't got enough people to do what we want and therefore to a great extent we rely on expatriates. That is the problem of problems.

Do you feel that the Government is strong enough to withstand subversion from within the country?

Yes, I do.

What stage has the struggle against the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman reached?

In general terms I think we have really hammered them. They are no longer a threat to the security of the country. They are no longer a force which can achieve any of the aims which they were aiming at. All that remains of them is just a handful of people who for one reason or another don't want to give themselves up, mainly because they have committed crimes against the people in the mountains. The tribal system still exists. They think that, if they give themselves up, the people *might* start saying, "You, so and so, have killed my brother. You, so and so, have killed my father", and take revenge. We are doing our utmost to prevent this and I don't think this will happen with the exception of the isolated incident.

The Government forgives everybody who gives himself up. Ninety per cent of those people are already on our side.

However, when we talk about a communist movement in the area (Arabia) we're talking about something completely different. This leads me to say again that those people who remain hostile, apart from fear of revenge, if it wasn't for South Yemen Government support to them near the border, they wouldn't be there any longer.

For how long will you need outside military help in this struggle?

As long as the South Yemen Government is hostile to Oman, the border area will never be 100 per cent peaceful. We know that South Yemen also relies on other people for training, planning, supplies of arms. The Soviet Union gives a lot of assistance. There are Cubans and East Germans. Therefore, as long as they are hostile to us, we shall need the help of our friends.

Does the presence of British, Iranian and Jordanian troops in Dhofar harm your relations with the Arab world?

Not at all, with exceptions, of course. In the Arab world the only voice which has been raised against Oman recently is that of the Libyans. For the rest of the Arabs I think they understand our problem. They know that they themselves haven't done much to solve it, and they can't stop other people from helping to solve it. In all parts of the world countries have friends and sometimes call on them for help.

When I was in Oman in 1973 I felt the Government believed that the United Arab Emirates, which were rich, had not realized what was at stake in Oman. Is this still the case or has the importance of Oman been realized in the Persian Gulf and acted upon?

Not to the extent I would like to see. They do realize the seriousness of the situation in the area better than before. But not to the extent that they are doing their bit to prevent such things happening elsewhere. We are openly fighting the communists, fighting their ideas and fighting them physically, in this country. We can say we have really defeated them in that there is no hope for them achieving their aims, except for being a nuisance from time to time. In the rest of the Gulf they are not openly against the Government but what I fear is that their defeat here might lead them to start operating somewhere else, if one is not alert.

With the rapprochement between Iran and Iraq is there a likelihood that your country and Iraq will establish diplomatic relations?

Yes, indeed. I think, if all goes well, we shall do so very soon. We like to establish good relations with anyone who understands our problems and is prepared to say frankly what he thinks and at the same time not to shake hands with one hand and stab us in the back with the other. If there are Iraq Baathists who think differently from us, that doesn't stop us having good relations, but we must mean it, if we say we want to have good relations and be friends.

How are Oman's relations with the international oil companies? Will the Government take more than a 60 per cent stake in Petroleum Development (Oman)?

Our relations with oil companies working in the sultanate are very good indeed. I don't think we want at present to have more shares than we do. Perhaps not for some time to come. There is always prestige for someone to say the company is 100 per cent national, but have they got the people to run it? We must not fool ourselves.

Has the rapid rise in the price of oil brought inflationary troubles to the country?

Yes, inflation is beyond belief. The Government has always tried to take measures to decrease it. The port (Mina Qaboos in Muttrah) is functioning well and that has eased many problems, such as importing through other ports, which makes things a little bit cheaper. The Government has also decided to stock basic commodities so that, when people try to sell at a higher price, the Government opens its store and sells stuff at a more reasonable price.

What is already in the pipeline. That will take three years at least. After that we shall think again, see if there are more important projects and embark on them. Therefore, I think we are quite well off.

Do you think there is a political danger that people accustomed to an extraordinary rate of expansion might see this slowing down and ask what is happening?

No, I don't think there is any danger. First of all, everybody is employed who wants to work, to the extent that we have imported a lot of labour from outside. There will always be enough work for our people. The government programmes already completed will keep on employing people for ever. The slowing down is not holding people back. We have to think and see what we'll do next and give ourselves a breathing space.

Could you say something about your experience of Britain?

I was 18 years old when I went to Britain. As it was the first country outside my own that I had been to, I was much impressed. I enjoyed my six years there tremendously. The people are very precise, polite. Everybody respects everybody else. While people accuse Britain of being slow in taking decisions, I think it is an excellent thing. One must think properly before one takes a decision. I am glad to have experienced this.

Was your experience of local government there of value?

Tremendously, because it gave me all the necessary outlook on things and ideas on how local or small governments run.

How are present relations between our two countries?

They couldn't be better. We couldn't be closer to each other.

Do you feel there is a danger that, with the reduction in British expenditure overseas, British military help to your country could be rapidly withdrawn?

Here we are accustomed to seeing British faces in our army, in training and so on. Personally, I would like to continue to see British faces here until we can replace them with Omanis. Our friends in London have indicated to me that they will honour their commitments.

It's always good to give people their freedom but it's also good to help your long-standing friends. There's a difference between colonizing and being the master all the time and saying: "All right, you have now grown up, child. Now you can take up your responsibilities. But I am still here if you need my advice". I hope Britain will still do that to her friends all over the world.

Would Iran replace the British in Oman as the power best able to guarantee the security of this area?

I personally think that if we all have a good understanding of what security against subversion means, if we have an understanding with each other and, of course, with Iran, as it now exists between Oman and Iran, if the rest of the Gulf states have the same understanding, I think we will be a happy family.

So the idea of a Gulf security pact appeals to you?

On the conditions I have just mentioned.

'In Islam one must give alms'

Do you support Iran's suggestion that some of the recent rise in the price of oil should be set aside as a fund for developing countries?

This is a very good and a very noble idea. At various meetings with different heads of state I have suggested something rather similar. In Islam one must give alms, a certain percentage every year of one's income. I did suggest that all oil-producing countries with a vast amount of money coming in and the income gaining interest in the banks should take out alms from that amount and give them to countries which need it.

Do you wish to see special drawing rights as the unit of account in calculating oil prices instead of the dollar?

No. I prefer the dollar or the pound, whichever is strong. I think special drawing rights would create a lot of problems.

Are you finding, with expansion within the country and inflation from outside, that you have budgetary difficulties?

Up till this year I think we spent every year every penny we have got but kept our reserves intact. We have to do that because we cannot afford to walk like other people. We have to run to get at least to the tail of the caravan, which is going very fast.

At the beginning of this year I had a meeting with my ministers and they said that from now on we can afford to walk, and therefore we shall spend money on what is absolutely necessary. Of course, we have to keep up recurrent expenditure on hospitals, the army and so on, but we have so many new projects already in the pipeline that we have stopped having new projects until we have really completed

NATIONAL BANK OF OMAN LTD.

Would like to congratulate His Majesty the Sultan Qaboos Bin Sai'd and the people of Oman on the occasion of National Day and wish them well in their future development

HEAD OFFICE: P.O. BOX 1272
MUTTRAH-MUSCAT (SULTANATE OF OMAN)
TELEPHONE: 3134-36 MUTTRAH
TELEX: 281 NAT BANK MB
CABLE: NATBANK, MUSCAT

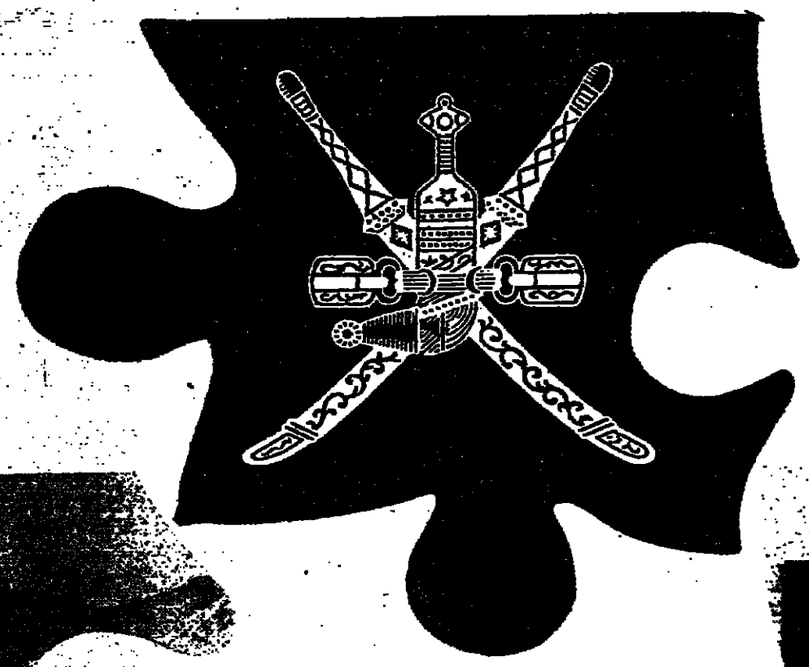
Branches: Muttrah, Muscat, Ruwi, Govt. Secretariat Building, Greater Muttrah, Soor, Sohar, Nizwa, Buraimi and Salalah (Dhofar)

بمناسبة العيد الخامس والثلاثين لميلاد
حضرة صاحب الجلالة
السلطان قابوس بن سعيد
سلطان عمان
واحتفالاً
بالعيد الوطني
ترفع شركة بوليبنغ (الشرق الاوسط) المحدودة
الى جلالته والى الشعب العماني الكريم
اطيب التمنيات واخلص التهاني.
من دواعي فخرنا واعتزازنا
ان نكون من القائمين بمشاريع عمرانية كبرى
لحساب حكومة عمان

On the occasion of the 35th birthday of
His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said
Sultan of Oman
and in celebration of
NATIONAL DAY
Pauling (Middle East) Ltd
extend to His Majesty and the People of Oman
their sincere good wishes
We are honoured to be associated
with major development projects
for the Government of Oman
PAULING
PAULING (MIDDLE EAST) LTD
P.O.BOX 3048
SEEB INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
SULTANATE OF OMAN
WORLDWIDE CONSTRUCTION
HEAD OFFICE
MOUNTBARROW HOUSE
6/20 ELIZABETH STREET
LONDON SW1W 9RD
TELEPHONE 01-730 0731
TELEX 263131

صكة من الاصل

OMAN



We are building the new Oman, putting together the best of 20th century technology with the traditional elements of Oman society. A modern infrastructure —ports, roads, schools and hospitals have priority. Housing, offices and factories are being built and equipped. Agriculture and fisheries, our traditional occupations, are being modernised and expanded.

If you want to share in our exciting future, write to:—

The Ministry of
Information and Culture.
P.O. Box 600.
Muscat.
OMAN

or The Embassy of the
Sultanate of Oman.
64 Ennismore Gardens.
London S.W.7

Reg No. 251845 England.

Stephenson will join Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and

Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls.

		277,199	304,855	331,574

*Excluding surplus of approx £20m on revaluation of properties at 1st April, 1973 and provisions for deferred profit of assoc.

GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

MOHSIN HAIDER DARWISH GROUP OF COMPANIES

Telephone : 4734 Ruwi 2829 Muscat 2826 Muscat

Telex : LUJAINA 230 MB Cable : AREEJ P.O. Box No. 135, Muscat

DARWISH & BROTHERS

Sole distributors for :

BRITISH LEYLAND INTERNATIONAL, UK Ltd

Jaguar & Triumph Cars
Rovers
Land Rovers
Range Rovers
Leyland Tractors

AVELING BARFORD LTD, UK (heavy machinery)
MICHELIN, FRANCE (tyres and tubes)
CHLORIDE INTERNATIONAL LTD, UK (batteries)
COLGATE-PALMOLIVE LTD, UK (toilet products)
KISMET LTD, UK (garage equipment)
ROYAL-IMPERIAL INTERNATIONAL LTD, GERMANY (typewriters & calculators)
PIRELLI GENERAL CABLE WORKS LTD, UK (cables)
FERODO LTD, UK (brake linings)
DOULTON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS LTD, UK (water filters)
VALOR HEATING LIMITED, UK (cookers)
GOLDEN CITY POLYES BOARD CO, HONG KONG (cool seats)
SMITHS INDUSTRIES LTD, AUSTRALIA (spark plugs)
CHR MAVROMATIS & SONS LTD, CYPRUS (deep well turbine pumps)
HERBERT LOMAS LTD, UK (Landrover ambulances)
INGERSOLL-RAND INTERNATIONAL (heavy machinery)
CMP GLANDS, LTD, UK
GOODENOUGH PUMPS LTD, UK (pumps)
SCOTTORN TRAILERS LTD, UK (tankers and trailers etc)
CHARPRE TRADING, DENMARK (cavalet suitcases)
CUMMINS DIESEL INTERNATIONAL LTD, UK (diesel engines)
G & M POWER PLANT CO LTD, UK (generators)
CRYPTON TRIANGLE LTD (battery testers and chargers)
WINGET LTD, UK (heavy machinery)
C MELCHERS & CO, GERMANY (H/jacks)

ALDARWISH TRADING CO

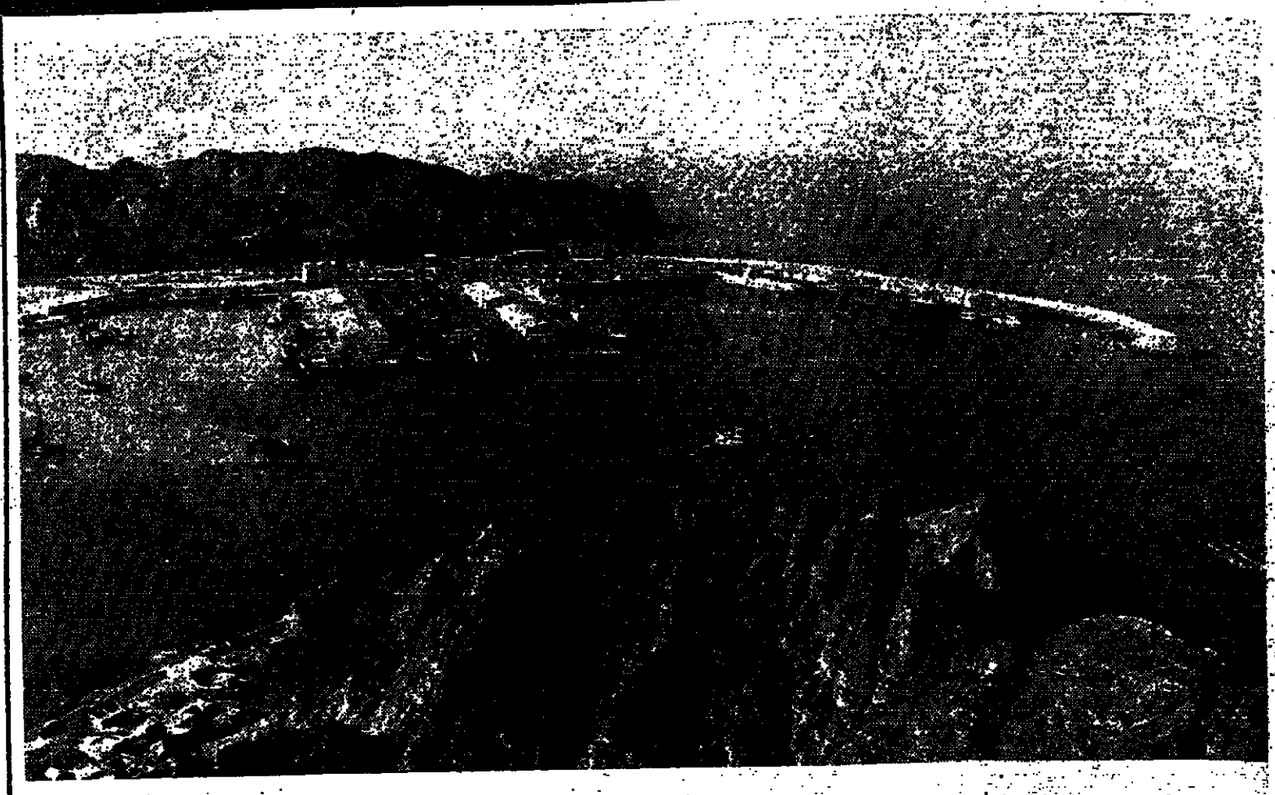
Sole distributors for :

PHILCO ITALIANA/USA (airconditioners/treezers and refrigerators)
LESLIE HARTRIDGE, UK (fuel injectors)
PIONEER ELECTRONIC CORPORATION, JAPAN (Hi-Fi Equipment)
SONY CORPORATION : JAPAN (Electronic equipment, TV etc)
TERRAMAR GmbH, GERMANY (AEG household appliances)
MK ELECTRIC LTD, UK (electrical fittings)
EGATUBE LTD, UK (electrical conduit fittings)
LINK 51 LTD, UK (slotted angles and shelves)
JOHNSON OUTBOARD MOTORS, BELGIUM (outboard engines)
HOSODA TRADING COMPANY, JAPAN (KDK Electric fans)
SERVICE DOMESTIC APPLIANCES LTD, UK
SUNROC INTERNATIONAL DIVISION, USA (water coolers)
GEC (Lamps & Lighting), UK
GARRARD ENGINEERING (EXPORTS) LTD, UK (Garrard record changers)
TRIUMPH-ADLER VERTRIEBS GmbH, GERMANY (typewriters & calculators)
FRIGIKING PRODUCTS
ARMITAGE SHANKS LTD, UK (sanitary wares)
ANTAR INDUSTRIES INC, USA (airconditioners)
H D SHELDON INC, USA (refrigerators)

ALDARWISH GAS PLANTS

Sole distributors for :

BRITISH OXYGEN COMPANY LTD, UK (gas, sparklets etc)
CRYOPLANTS LTD, UK
JAPAN ENGINEERING & CONSULTANTS & EXPORTS INC, JAPAN (gas cylinders etc)



Copper the next potential money-spinner

by Ann Fyfe

About a year ago rumours were gaining ground of a cash crisis. Several contractors, it was thought, were having trouble getting paid for government work. A moratorium was said to have been imposed on major new projects. In retrospect it seems there was indeed a faltering, as is bound to happen in a country developing as rapidly as Oman. The present general view among the merchant sector seems to be, however, that the money is starting to flow again; credibility has been more or less restored all round.

Even allowing for a development programme as fast and as famous as Oman's has been since the old regime was ousted in 1970, the Government would have to try very hard before it could create for itself a genuinely long-term cash flow problem. Oil revenue this year will bring in 390m rials (£550m) or £1.5m a day for a population which cannot be much in excess of a million.

Trade has been established in Oman at least since the Babylonian Empire. The agricultural base is there, albeit neglected but receiving attention; preparatory work is under way for the exploitation of copper and other mineral deposits; light consumer and construction-geared industries are springing up and purchasing power expands and spreads with education and jobs.

Last but not least, the pre-1970 regime's aversion to mass education had the effect of forcing a whole generation to find it abroad —in the Indian subcontinent, Europe and Egypt. Now in commercial or government posts back in Oman, these younger people generally have a wider experience than their opposite numbers in some of Oman's neighbours.

It was oil that made the transformation of the sultanate financially possible in the first place, however, and oil which accounts for 95 per cent of government revenue. Production, which began in 1967, is now reaching 380,000 barrels a day, but this level is primarily explained by the introduction of the Ghaba fields (Qarn Alam, Ghaba North and Saih Nihayda) earlier this year.

The original four fields in the Fahud region (Fahud, al-Huwaisah, Yibal and Natih) are declining and production is maintained by the secondary recovery methods of gas and water re-injection. Crude from both the Fahud and Ghaba regions is moved by a common pipeline to the export terminal established by Petroleum Development (Oman) PD(O) at Mina el-Fahal on the coast north of Muscat. In 1976, however, the new fields in the Saih Rawl area are expected to be on stream and production will rise again, possibly to more than 400,000 barrels a day.

Petroleum Development (Oman) has a 60 per cent government stake along Opec lines, although Oman is not an Opec member, the remaining 40 per cent belonging to Shell, with 34 per cent, Compagnie Française des Pétroles with 4 per cent and Partex with 2 per cent. Further exploration continues : Sun Oil, a consortium of North American and German companies, is drilling off the south coast of the island of Masirah, and is optimistic; France's Elf-ERAP is exploring off the Musandam peninsula, where a consortium headed by Wintershall has long held a concession, and Elf-ERAP again, in association with Sumitomo of Japan, has a concession around Butabul, south of the PD(O) fields at Fahud. PD(O) has a seismic crew surveying around Amal in Dhofar.

Total government revenue in the 1975 budget is estimated at 398.1m rials (£557m), of which oil accounts for 387.1m rials. Expenditure, totalling 521.4m rials (£730m), is more or less equally divided between civil development and the military, the former taking 243.4m rials — 69m rials in recurrent expenditure and 174.4m rials of investment in development projects (which compares with 29.5m rials in 1973 and 127.9m rials in 1974). Defence takes very slightly less at 238m rials—98.3m rials in recurrent expenditure and 139.7m rials in capital outlay and reserve. It should not be taken for granted, incidentally, that defence spending will wither away when the Dhofar troubles are over; a high level of military spending is the norm in this part of the world.

Debt servicing and repayments account for a further 15m rials and the Government's stake in PD(O) costs comes to 25m rials. According to the Finance Department, the resulting deficit of 123.8m rials is well covered by aid, mainly from the richer oil states in the peninsula such as Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, and by government loans.

Aid from the neighbouring Arab countries has been notable for its discretion; little publicity has attended it. None the less, since the Iran-Iraq accord last year, the Oman-Dhofar-Yemen situation has been one of the thorniest problems in the Arab world and the single greatest danger to stability in the Gulf. Thus loans and grants from the oil Shaikhdoms are in no danger of drying up.

The Government has been to the international market for loans four times since the end of 1973 ; $35m arranged by Morgan Grenfell ; $25m arranged by Hambros, $14m managed by the Arab and Morgan Grenfell finance company and a $50m loan managed by Union de Banque Arabes et Françaises only last month. A Saudi loan of $100m was reported last May and Oman is both a recipient from, and a donor to, the World Bank.

It is widely known that investment in civilian projects in 1976 will be somewhat less than this year's 174.4m rials; this is what makes it unnecessary to describe in detail the massive gas utilization projects awarded to Gaz Ocean of France, for a 140m rials fertilizer complex, and to Tesoro Petroleum of the United States, for a 35m rial liquefaction plant ; one cannot say how firm these contracts are.

Mineral exploitation is the most exciting (and feasible) potencial money-spinner on the Oman horizon. Copper was mined in ancient times and exported to the Near East civilizations. The Ministry of Agriculture and Minerals is working towards a production figure of 3,000 tons of copper-rich ore a day in three years' time. Detailed prospecting was carried out by the Marshall Oman Exploration of the United States, and Prospection of Canada, which now have between them 49 per cent of the 51 per cent government-owned company, Oman Mineral and Development, which is to exploit the copper.

The copper finds lie between Buraimi, on the border with the United Arab Emirates at the foot of the mineral-rich Hajar Mountains, and Sohar, the ancient port on the northern coast of Oman. A road already links the two towns and a port is planned at Sohar specifically for copper exports. Smelting and refining possibilities are under consideration, but would undoubtedly be financially and technologically taxing.

Asbestos has been located and the quality of the deposits is now being assessed by Eternit, a Swiss-Lebanese company which has a contract eventually to extract it. Phosphates, manganese and chrome are also known to exist, but in what quantities remains to be seen.

Lighter industries so far are concentrated in the food and construction areas: a soft drinks plant, cold stores and a 700,000 tons-a-year flour mill, not yet in production. Food processing, particularly fish, and agricultural productivity in general are receiving great attention.

So far as construction is concerned, both local and foreign contractors have made a fortune out of the four-year spate of road, hospital, school, residential and general public service building. Imported construction materials have soared in cost over the period and a standard three-bedroomed villa in Muscat now costs more than twice as much as comparable accommodation in the neighbouring United Arab Emirates; nor are there any signs of an easing of demand. Meanwhile, it is unclear what became of the 200,000 tons-a-year cement plant which was to have been built by Portland Cement (ACPM) and Cementia of Switzerland.

Drawing conclusions from published trade figures for Oman is slightly complicated in that Oman's import figures exclude, while other countries' export figures include, military hardware. Total imports in 1974, however (Oman figures, probably excluding most military items), reached 135.6m rials and Britain, accounting for 17.6 per cent of that figure, was far and away the largest supplier (discounting entrepot trade from the United Arab Emirates), followed by Japan, Holland, the United States and West Germany.

The breakdown follows the normal pattern in this part of the world; construction and mining equipment has the lion's share followed by transport equipment. Oman has recently been a big spender on telecommunications as well. Cable and Wireless has a radio station at Wattayeh which routes calls via Bahrain, but an Italian consortium is working on a 1m rials earth satellite station with 60 circuits in the first phase, expected to open in 1976. A countrywide telephone system is being installed by L. M. Ericsson.

The rest of the basic public services are almost completed. Sib airport, which was built by the Cypriot contractors Joannou and Paraskevaides, was opened in 1974. The eight-berth deepwater port Mina Qaboos, designed by Halcrow and John R. Harris and the largest project in Oman in its day, is fully operational. Raysut, on the coast near Salalah, is being developed as a port to serve Dhofar, but development in Dhofar is a separate subject, allied to the military situation.

A comprehensive road network, some of it complete, is under construction ; Sib-Nizwa, Sohar-Buraimi, Buraimi-Ibri, Ibri-Nizwa, Nizwa-Thamarit (in Dhofar) are the principal routes. The value of contracts out for these and other roads adds up to nearly 200m rials over the next few years.

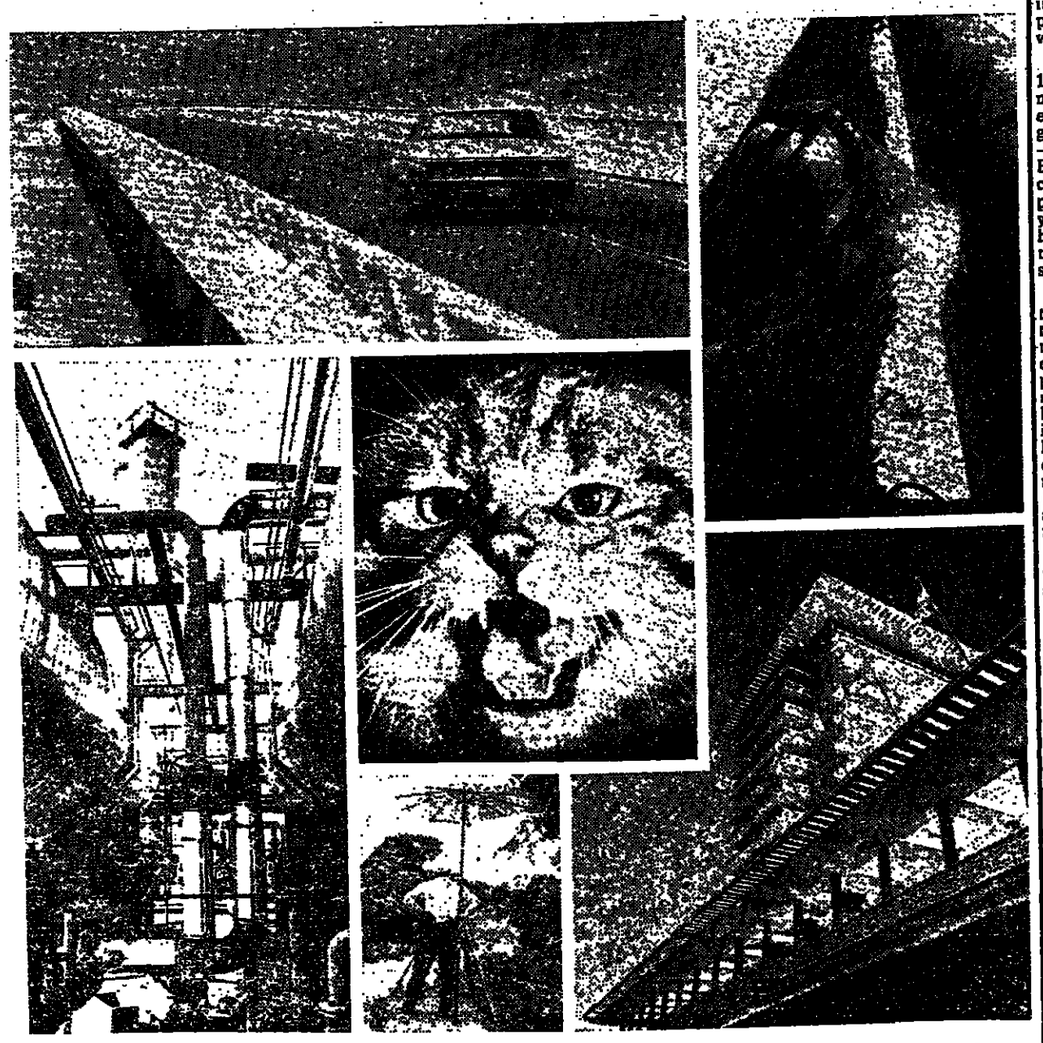
The vast residential town of Medinat Qaboos, which includes 1,000 houses, a school, clinic and shops, is taking shape but none of the new hotels, desperately needed, is yet open—except for the extension to the Al Falaj.

A Gulf Hotel and the Ruwi Hotel are near completion, and work has started on an Intercontinental. When all these rooms become available, the security apparatus will have lost its best excuse for being so extremely mean with visas, but one doubts if visas will suddenly become available any more easily.

A good deal of what had to be spent on public services has now been spent, even though it is only five years since it all began. Educational, medical, welfare and public service projects all continue. The cash-flow restriction is unlikely to get any worse in the long term, especially when other sources of national revenue, from minerals and light industries, start to materialize, but the manpower restraint remains.



Top : the port of Mina Qaboos, Muttr completed last year. Above : the day catch at the Muttrah fish port.



What's C.A.T capability?

Helping in the rapid development of countries where the conditions for construction present special problems —that's C.A.T capability.

Operating in Africa and the Middle East, building everything from hotels, mosques and hospitals to roads, bridges, and airfields ; from pipelines, petrochemical plants and storage tanks to power stations, cement plants and water treatment installations.

Using all our local know-how, in the employment of on-the-spot resources and work forces, to get the job completed on time.

That's C.A.T capability.

C.A.T & MOTHERCAT

P.O. Box 1036, Beirut, Lebanon. Telex 20616
c/o Incotes Ltd., 1 Great Cumberland Place, London W1H 7AL. Telex 21128

National Bank of Abu Dhabi

(Leading bank in the United Arab Emirates)

offers

A COMPLETE WORLDWIDE BANKING SERVICE

Head Office:
Sheikh Khalifa Street, Abu Dhabi.

Branches:
ABU DHABI:
Sheikh Hamdan Street, New Souk, International Airport, Hilton Hotel.
AL AIN; DUBAI; SHARJAH; FUJEIRAH; RAS AL KHAIMAH; KHOR FAKKAN.
EGYPT: CAIRO.

Branches under foundation:
MUSCAT, OMAN; BAHRAIN; KHARTOUM.

TOTAL ASSETS AT 31st DECEMBER 1974
UAE Dh. 2,500,000,000
US $ 1 = Dirham 4 approximately

Postal address:
PO Box No. 4, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
Cable address:
ALMASRAF, ABU DHABI. Telex: AH2266 and 2267.

World diplomatic links developed

by Simon Scott Plummer

previous ruler
etween the Sul-
uscat and Oman
side world were
e main contacts
ritain and India,
ch had a consul-
Muscat.

nate signed the
ty treaties with
in 1798. In the
Said called on
crush the revolt
n, the leader of
sect, who was
up an indepen-
ality in the in-
an. Dependence
military help has
ued by his son.

with India,
old Sultan was
re governed by
ed in 1953. To-
importance to
a plentiful sup-
our for develop-

's feelings for
countries were
he Imamate re-
Arabia, which
been turned out
by the British-
Oman Scouts,
Imam, Ghalib,
orters and gave
after their de-
te offices were
aq, Syria, Saudi
pt, Lebanon and

70 Oman has
diplomatic rela-
more than 30
f which about
sident represen-
Muscat. Britain
the dominant
sence in both
civil matters.
Armed Forces (SAF) contain about 400 British officers led by Major-General Kenneth Perkins and Brigadier John Akehurst, both on secondment. Several of the government ministries have British advisers, whose discreet influence is similar to that of French *conseillers techniques* in former French colonies.

The core of Oman's foreign policy is the fact that the country is almost at war with its western neighbour, South Yemen, whose Marxist regime supports the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman (PFLO). This is the determining factor in relations with other states. Thus Iran and, to a lesser extent, Jordan – figure prominently in Oman views because of their commitment of troops to Dhofar.

Relations with the Arab states of the Gulf are chequered. Oman believes that they appreciate the significance of the struggle against the PFLO better than before but it would still like more help from them.

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Qais Zawawi, the Foreign Minister, said that his country had received about $150m in aid from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar and Saudi Arabia over the past 12 months. Abu Dhabi has sent a defence squadron to Sohar to release the Oman gendarmerie for service in Dhofar and financing the road between Sohar and Buraimi. The Government is no doubt hoping that grants from these countries will continue to offset the budgetary deficit.

The wealth of the UAE is a magnet to Omanis. Abu Dhabi recruits men for its defence force in northern Oman and Ras al Khaymah draws people from the Musandam peninsula who can find no work at home.

Oman is suspicious of its neighbours' intentions towards South Yemen. The latter has an office in Kuwait and would like to establish diplomatic relations with the UAE. The Omanis fear that aid from the oil-rich countries in the Gulf to South Yemen could be used against the SAF in Dhofar. They are also worried that communist subversion, having been stamped out in Oman, could reemerge in one of the Gulf states.

On their side Oman's Arab neighbours are wary of the growing Iranian military presence in Dhofar. Mr Zawawi said that their uneasiness was a natural human reaction but he believed that the Shah's armed forces were a factor for stability and peace in the Gulf.

The most significant recent change in the area has been the improvement in relations between Muscat and the Baathist regime in Iraq, which in the past has afforded training facilities for the PFLO. Mr Zawawi expects the two countries to exchange ambassadors early next year. He said that Iraq had probably realized that the PFLO and the South Yemen regime were lost causes.

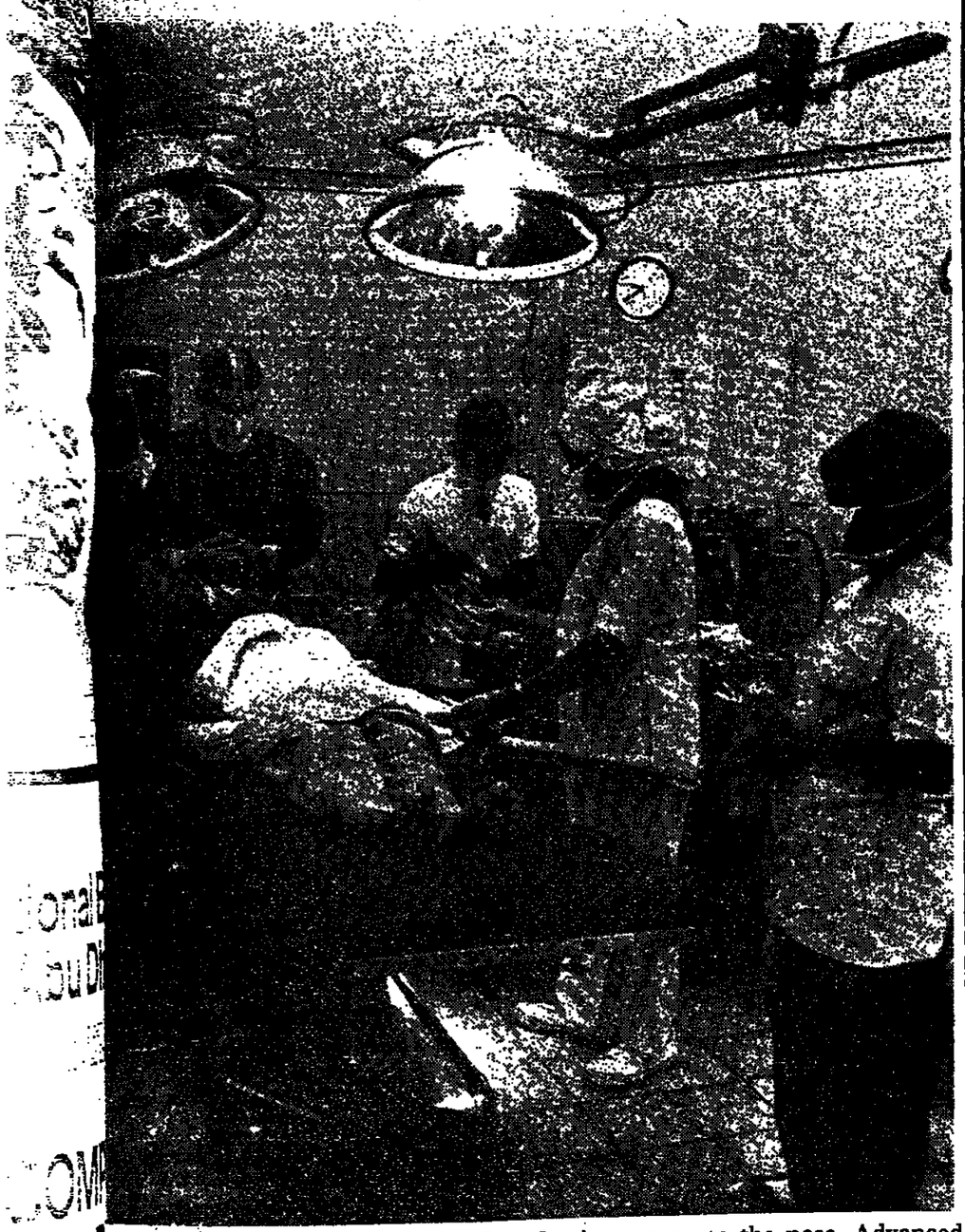
Because of communist support for the guerrillas Oman has no diplomatic relations with the communist world outside Yugoslavia and Romania. It does not want any increase in either the Soviet or the American military presence in the Gulf, preferring the security of that waterway to be guaranteed by the littoral states. The same principle holds for the Indian Ocean, though the size of the area to be patrolled presents great difficulties.

While the Sultan was in the United States earlier this year the question of landing rights for American aircraft on Masirah was broached. Coming at a time when United States officials were talking of occupying Middle East oil fields by force, the request caused a furore.

Oman and Britain, which has a lease on the island, have since let the matter drop. However, Mr Zawawi said that the sultanate would not object to American aircraft having the right to refuel on Masirah.

Oman welcomes the Sinai pact between Egypt and Israel but points out that its long-term success depends on similar agreements being concluded with Syria and Jordan and on recognition by Israel of Palestinian rights. This would entail withdrawal to the borders before the 1967 war.

The Government is concerned at the communal strife in Lebanon as the division of that country facilitates attacks on it by the Israelis.



Hospital in Ruwi: an operation for plastic surgery to the nose. Advanced surgery as well as plastic surgery is carried out in this operating theatre.

New health service is overburdened

the health ser-
exemplifies the
hich a country
rom scratch at
and relying
oreign workers
The achieve-
past five years
a national
free of charge
as been created
dly anything
e.
nan had 12 hos-
day it has 1,200.
were 10 doctors
rses, now there
ctors and 350
pansion of this
een made pos-
by importing
Of the 2,500
loyed by the
Health about
atriates, mainly
Pakistan and
e are only 19
rs working in

ition has taken
health service
icrity that it is
urdened. Some
as many as
ients a day.
western medi-
everything and
en it does not.
ld me that the
red 500 doctors
nand for medi-
It also needs
tenance service
stance, air con-
ot out of order
ehicles remain

The hospitals, health centres and dispensaries built since 1970 provide good propaganda for Sultan Qaboos's regime but they do not get to the heart of the problem, which is how to prevent illness. Health education has been neglected until recently with the result that malaria, trachoma, cholera, typhoid, gastro-enteritis, tuberculosis, anaemia and pneumonia are still common.

If people are taught to wash frequently there is less likelihood of cholera, typhoid and skin disease, if food is cleaned properly the incidence of gastroenteritis falls, if a mother feeds her children better they are less prone to anaemia, if she keeps flies off their eyes there is less chance of trachoma and conjunctivitis. It is estimated that an effective health campaign on these lines could cut hospital attendance by 80 to 90 per cent.

Realizing that the medical services do not have time to educare their patients the Ministry of Health is building up the public health side of its operation. An Egyptian director of public health was appointed just over a year ago and he now has 156 physicians, sanitary inspectors and assistants, school health visitors, midwives, nurses and laboratory technicians working under him. Dr Mubarek Al-Khadduri, the Minister of Health, has integrated the medical and public health sections of the ministry to avoid duplication of effort and is committed to eradicating endemic diseases in Oman.

The change of policy by the ministry is impeded by shortage of money and staff and its initial results have already come under fire.

The public health department has been criticized for concentrating on midwifery and failing to educate mothers in nutrition and hygiene. To a certain extent the gap is filled by the Save the Children Fund, the only charitable organization working in Oman, but it has only nine clinics.

The amalgamation of curative and preventive services in health centres at Nizwa and Sumayl has been hampered by lack of cooperation between the medical side, which is staffed by Indians and Pakistanis, and the public health people, who are mainly Egyptians.

A campaign to counteract dental decay, caused by the growing popularity of tinned food, through the provision of toothpaste and toothbrushes has not been followed up.

These shortcomings are serious in a country whose medical services are under such pressure and whose population is still keen to learn about health education. The main task for Dr Al-Khadduri is to wield his expatriate staff from both medical services and public health into an effective whole. As the level of education in Oman is so low, the ministry will have to rely on foreign assistance for some time to come.

Dr Al-Khadduri's predecessor, Dr Asim Jamali, the architect of Oman's health service, lost his post last year and was appointed Minister without Portfolio. His Under-Secretary, Mr Said Shaksy, has also been dismissed but the job has not yet been refilled.

The period since the change of leadership has not been a happy one for the ministry. Criticism is heard of the Pakistan director of medical services for removing an able American surgeon from one of the former mission hospitals and giving jobs to Pakistanis who do not speak Arabic. Charges of favouring Egyptians are also made against the Egyptian director of public health.

The health service is going through a difficult period politically at a time when it is trying to remedy the mistakes of the past five years. Dr Al-Khadduri has found his feet as minister but it would seem that he needs a strong Omani undersecretary as soon as possible to back him up.

S.S.P.

the teamworkers in Oman

From the delicate restoration of traditional houses to the total construction of a harbour and all its roads and ancillary buildings – from office blocks to a town water supply – from a telephone exchange and radio station to a bank and shops and even an abattoir and a veterinary clinic ... this is the team's on-going contribution in a country that knows the value of modernity *and* the importance of tradition.

The teamworkers are pleased to have helped and are proud to be playing their part in the rebuilding of a country which is opening up a new era for its people.

Taylor Woodrow-Towell

1972 Taylor Woodrow International Ltd.

The world-wide team of engineers, constructors and developers

In Oman, please contact: John Cox, Taylor Woodrow-Towell Co. Ltd.
P.O. Box 253, Muscat, Oman. Telephone: Muttrah 2861.
In London, please contact: Barry Ing-Simmons, Taylor Woodrow International Ltd.
Western House, Western Avenue, London W5 1EU.
Telephone. 01-997 6641. Telex: 23503.

The efficient, competitive and friendly

BANK OF OMAN

BAHRAIN AND KUWAIT (O.S.C.)

for complete Local, Regional and Foreign Banking Services

Incorporated with Limited Liability by Charter of
His Majesty the Sultan of Oman Qaboos Bin Saeed

HEAD OFFICE AND MAIN BRANCH:

P.O. Box 920, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

Telegraphic Address: BANKOM MUSCAT Telephone: Muscat2966 and 2114
Telex: OBK MB 290

CAPITAL:

Authorised
Omani Rials 2.000.000 (£2,800,000)

Paid up
Omani Rials 1.000.000 (£1,400,000)

ASSOCIATED WITH:
The National Bank of Kuwait
Alahli Bank of Kuwait
The Commercial Bank of Kuwait
The Gulf Bank—Kuwait
Kuwait Investment Company
Kuwait Foreign Trading Contracting & Investment Company
Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait-Bahrain
CORRESPONDENTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Reg. No. 394645 England.

... Suspenson will join Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and ... administration and Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls.

... 277,199 304,855 337,574
*Excluding surplus of approx. £25m on realisation of properties at 1st April, 1975 and provisions for deferred profit of £65m.
GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

ZUBAIR ENTERPRISES

Continuing our work for the development of Oman with

Sales and Service of
DODGE & DODGE/M.M.C. VEHICLES

Manufacturers, Importers and Stockists of
FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS

Agents and Stockists of
MEM, VOLEX, PETBOW, ATLAS PAINTS, BOLEX, THORNE ATLAS, G.E.C., TRUNK TRAILER, TECALEMIT

Agents of
L. ERICSSON TELEPHONE COMPANY
PAULING (MIDDLE EAST) LTD.

Joint Ventures
ZUBAIR KILPATRICK ELECTRONIC SUPPLIES AND SERVICES
OMAN OIL INDUSTRY SUPPLIES AND SERVICES COMPANY
PROJECT SERVICES
OMAN NATIONAL TRANSPORT COMPANY
OMAN AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION COMPANY

P.O. BOX 127, MUSCAT, SULTANATE OF OMAN
Telephone: MUSCAT 2821, 2822, 2823
Telex: MB 258 MUSTRAD
Cable: TUARAH, MUSCAT

Exiles help education to come in out of the cold

by Norma Ashworth



Robin Constable-Maxwell

Oman is hurrying to make up lost ground in education. An old man dictating a letter to his son who has been taught to read and write under the new regime. Below: a Koranic school in Rustaq.

Lack of schools was one of the strongest reasons for the need to unseat Sultan Said bin Taimur. An intelligent population, eager to progress, was restrained so inflexibly that their discontent had smouldered for many years, even before the discovery of oil promised an end to poverty. The country was in a twilight of backwardness deplored by the far-sighted whose concern was for the betterment of their children.

When the grand development plan was disclosed as a result of the certainty of oil resources, there was still only an ill-defined promise to provide schools. The Sultan feared the effect widespread education would have, not so much for the erosion of his own scholastic supremacy as the threat to the stability of Islam. He disliked the modernity of some Arab neighbours and believed western influences to be destructive of religion. Shrewdly, he also foresaw that a people given wider vision would become impatient with his dilatory methods of spreading the benefits of prosperity.

In fact, the community as a whole—and the coastal areas of trade and commerce in particular—had been unwilling for a long time to accept the life that the ruler decreed for them and an impoverished treasury could do little to alleviate. The setting-up of schools was requested repeatedly and always refused. Only one official school for general education, the Sayyidiya (founded in Muscat in 1940), had been in existence until 1959, when a second Sayyidiya was established in Muttrah.

By July 1970, these and a school in Salalah remained the only schools for the rudimentary education of Oman boys. Schemes by rich merchants to set up and run small private schools, bringing in Palestinian teachers, foundered as soon as the Palace became aware of them. One school which merchants—alert to the affairs of other countries through Oman's sea trading history—started in Sur showed brief promise but was closed by the Sultan.

The largest sector of the foreign community, brought in for the exploitation of oil after 1965, was granted permission to have a school for the children of employees. Another which began with classes in the compound of the British Embassy in Muscat was allowed to function with closely confined rules of entrance, excluding all Omanis.

There was nowhere for Oman parents with ambitions for their children to achieve even an elementary stage of literacy. It says much for their determination that so many hundreds at great personal sacrifice found the means to leave the country. Made openly, this act of defiance meant that they became exiles. Where the children alone were smuggled out of the country, there was serious unease and the perpetual fear of retribution.

For some who had their start at the Sayyidiya schools, Kuwait provided the next step. Under the state system there, free places were offered to children from the whole Gulf area. Abu Dhabi was later to make the same offer, with small emoluments, to Oman children living near the border. Families also went to Egypt, Iraq, Yemen, Pakistan and Jordan, but the major exodus was to places traditionally linked to Oman—Zanzibar, Kenya and Sudan, with their British educational origins.



far beyond the Middle East and East Africa.

Vestiges of nineteenth century spheres of influence show up in the large representation of countries such as Britain and France and, more modestly, the United States. Russia and Communist countries also appear more recently in the pattern while Scandinavia, Germany and The Netherlands have a few, tenuous lines.

Since July 1970 there has been a decline in the number of children of elementary school age going abroad and a more gradual decline in the numbers going abroad for secondary education. Oman's fifth year of an educational programme still has need of foreign teachers but is well towards its goal of a school place for every child in the country.

The flow of students to overseas universities and technical colleges is however, increasing in an effort to meet the needs of a country moving quickly towards self-responsibility. The reality of "an Oman governed by Omanis for Omanis" is beginning to appear.

In the second half of 1970, when the door opened to the exiles, every young Omani could see where the future was leading. Suddenly there was a government, instead of an idealistic framework, and the seats of power had to be filled. The graduates came back with degrees from Oxford, Cairo and Kiev, and no political bias was evidenced in the awarding of posts. Oman needed loyal Omanis wherever they had been trained, and they flooded in from niches of academic comfort and from waiting perches on the edges of Oman's own borders.

The acceleration has not let up. Young Omanis have every opportunity to use their talents to the full from the moment they have adequate qualifications. The "job scrap-heap", sadly familiar to the West, is unlikely to need Arabic translation for Oman for many years to come.

English-speaking recalls Raj

It is no surprise, therefore, that among Arab countries today Oman has possibly the highest proportion of English-speaking inhabitants. Their introduction to English goes back to the days of extensive trade and political entanglements with Britain and the British Raj.

The Zanzibar connexion was the most binding for it provided excellent schooling based upon a general European curriculum. For more than 60 years, from the time that Zanzibar was made a British Protectorate in 1890 until the revolution of 1963, Omanis living there enjoyed a standard of education taking in university and post-graduate subjects. The revolution forced them out of the country and many sought to return to the homeland.

The Sultan's unwelcoming attitude was a setback: summary refusal for most, a grudging permission and fragile tolerance for others. Either way, the social progress that could have helped Oman through Zanzibar's loss of an intelligentsia was impeded. The refugees, capable of using skills learnt in a more modern society, were not encouraged. Their defection from Arabia, whether through ancestral migration in the colonizing periods or more recently, rankled.

In the 15 years or so before the accession of Sultan Qaboos, when military and political disturbances gave Oman spasmodic attention from the world's press, educational unrest was responsible for an extraordinary pattern of migration. A pre-1970 graph, plotting the movements of Oman children of school and university age, would show criss-crossing lines covering a wide area,

SHARIKAT FANNIYA OMANIYA (MUSCAT) LLC

SHARIKAT FANNIYA OMANIYA (SALALAH) LLC

(In association with African & Eastern (Near East) Ltd)

In Oman a wide selection of general merchandise, including consumer goods of every kind, building materials, furniture, business equipment and technical goods, is marketed by these associated companies.
Sales of office furniture, reprographic machines, typewriters, calculators and other business equipment are supported by full servicing and repair facilities.
A comprehensive design installation and maintenance service for domestic and industrial air-conditioning and refrigeration systems, water treatment storage and distribution equipment, is available for large or small projects.

In London contact:
African & Eastern (Near East) Ltd
2 Blackfriars Road
London SE1 9UG
Tel: 01-928 2070

In Manchester contact:
African & Eastern (Near East) Ltd
71 Whitworth Street
Manchester M1 6LX
Tel: 061-236 6531

the INTERNATIONAL BANK

In London with sister institutions, the Arab Bank (Overseas) Limited in Zurich and Geneva—the Arab Bank (Nigeria) Limited in Lagos, Kano and Apapa—Associates UBAE (Union de Banques Arabes et Europeennes) in Luxembourg and Frankfurt: branches throughout the Arab World and correspondent world wide, the Arab Bank provides a complete international banking service.

the LOCAL BANK

The Arab Bank has branches in Abu Dhabi, Ajman, Bahrain, Dubai, Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman (Local Branches in Muscat, Matrah, Ruwi, Mina, Qaboos Port, opening shortly Salalah), Qatar, Ras Alkhaimah, Saudi Arabia, Sharjah, Tunisia, Yemen Arab Republic

the ARAB BANK

General Management: Amman
Established 1930

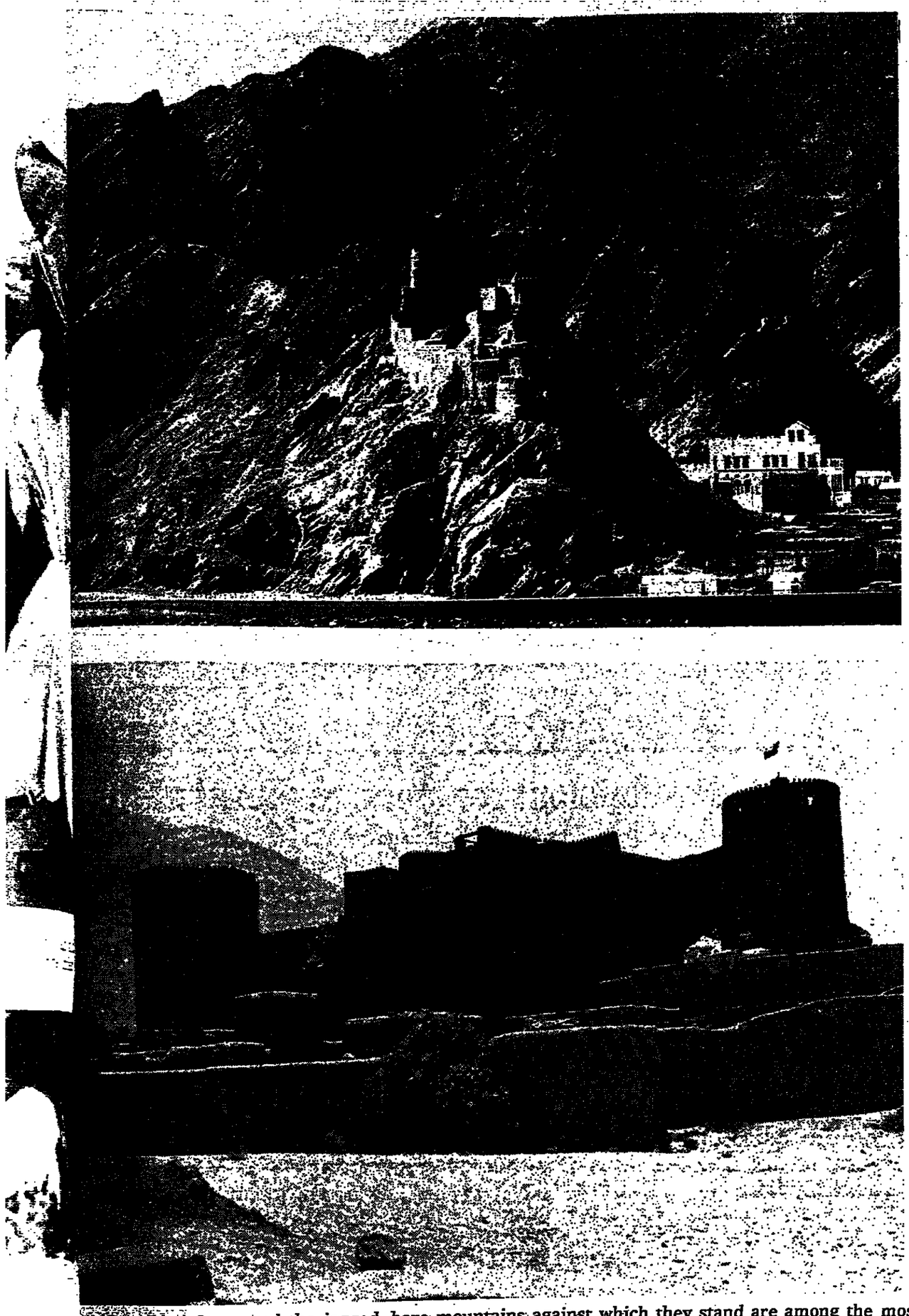
Capital & Reserves	17,120,000 Jordan Dinars
Deposits	393,198,609 Jordan Dinars
Total Assets	568,328,966 Jordan Dinars

As 30th June 1975

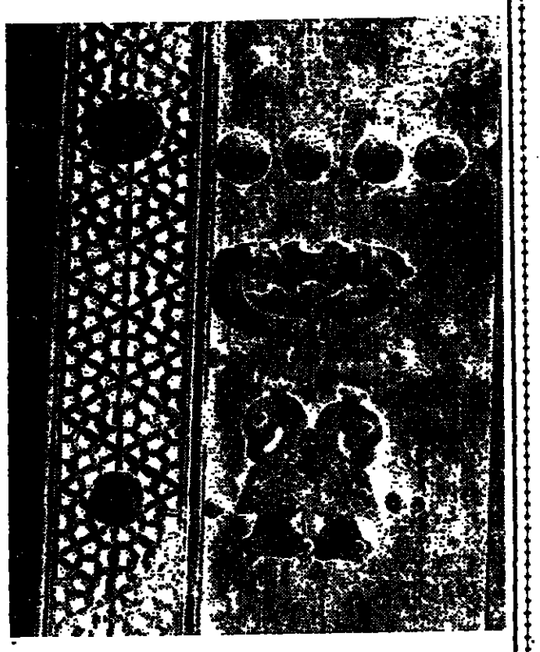
ARAB BANK LIMITED
Empire House, St. Martin's Le Grand, London EC1P 1DR
Telephone 01-606 7801 Telex 884359
Cables Bankarabi London EC1

هكذا من الاصل

IMAGES OF DECAYING SPLENDOUR









s of northern Oman and the jagged, bare mountains against which they stand are among the most enduring images of the Sultanate. Here page 10 Roger Wood captures their ancient and decaying splendour. Muttrah (top left) is perched dramatically on a mountain side ing an important commercial centre. Rustaq (above left), lying on the seaward side of the mountain range which bisects the north, was built arly eighteenth century. Sohar (top right) guarded the largest town on the Batina coast: its tower was built much later than the walls, m the early nineteenth century. Jabrin (centre and above right) is famous for its interior decoration, which is in bad repair. Restoration expected to begin in January.

AL FALAJ HOTEL فندق الفلج

AL FALAJ HOTEL

160 rooms and suites with private bath-showers — Superb Cuisine — Fully Licensed Music and Colour TV set in each room Panoramic Night Club and Roof Garden Banqueting and Conference facilities up to 500 persons — Snack Bar — Swimming Pool Tennis Court — Ladies and Gents Hair Dresser.

Reservations can be made directly or through your travel agents:—
PO Box 456, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman,
Tel: Matrah 3111. Telex: MB229 HOTEL.

Management:
Hotel Management & Trading Co.
'HOMATCO'
(C. E. Carantinos—A. S. 'Joe' Xenakis)

رامداس KR كيمجي

KHIMJI RAMDAS

P.O. BOX 19 MUSCAT
Tel. MUSCAT 2225 2217
Cables Broker. Telex MB289 Broker

AGENTS & DISTRIBUTORS FOR:

1. **COLEMAN**—Jugs—Coolers—CANADA.
2. **SNAP-ON-TOOLS**—Automobile Tools & Workshop Equipments, USA.
3. **SAMSONITE**—Attache & Suitcases—USA.
4. **A. T. CROSS**—Fine Writing Instruments USA.
5. **DALDA**—Vanaspati Ghee—INDIA.
6. **INDIAN PLYWOOD & ALLIED PRODUCTS**—INDIA.
7. **LINDT**—Chocolates—Switzerland.
8. **RUBBEROID**—Performance—Roofing & Underlays—ENGLAND.
9. **UNIROOF**—Flexible Rubber Building Material—ENGLAND.
10. **SERVICISED WATERSTOPS**, EXPANSION JOINT SYSTEMS & WATER MEMBRANE—ENGLAND.

We've taken 7 steps on the ladder of success in Oman. And we're still climbing.

- In 1971, the first year of the accession of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, we signed the contract for the design and construction of the new Omani Government Offices and handed over the completed project in 1973. Such was its success that in the intervening years another 6 contracts were initiated and signed:
- Recently completed and handed over, the Gulf Hotel, a 5 star luxury hotel in the modern idiom but with a distinctive Arab style.
- Also just completed, the Central Medical Stores at Muscat.
- The new Police Headquarters, being built in traditional style but with modern materials and techniques to give the aspect of a desert fort.
- Currently under construction, the Military Barracks at Izki, due for completion in 1976.
- The main Buraimi to Ibri highway, 130 kilometres long and due to open to traffic in 1976.
- Recently started, a police stores complex, a further step in the modernisation of the Royal Oman Police.

And we're looking forward to continuing to assist the development of Oman.

- في عام ١٩٧١ م في اول عام لتنصيب صاحب الجلالة السلطان قابوس ابن سعيد الحكم م وتعنا على عقد لتصميم وبناء مكاتب الحكومة الجديدة • وسلمنا المشروع جاهزا في عام ١٩٧٣ • ولقد بلغ نجاح المشروع مدى م شجع على توقيع ٦ أتفاقيات أخرى في السنين القادمة •
- لقد تم بناء وتسليم فندق الخليج منذ وقت قريب م وهو فندق انيق ومترف ذو ٥ كواكب م وقد شيد حسب الطراز الحديث ولكن باسلوب عربي بارز •
- كما تم بناء م المستودعات الطبية المركزية في مسقط •
- ولقد اقمنا مركز الشرطة الرئيسي الجديد باسلوب تقليدي ولكن باستعمالنا المواد والطرق الحديثة لكي نضفي عليه شكل قلعة صحراوية •
- والآن م نقوم ببناء الثكنات العسكرية في ازكي م وستنتهي من بنائها في سنة ١٩٧٦ •
- كما نقوم ببناء الطريق العام من البريمي الى عبري الذي يبلغ طوله م ١٣٠ كم • والذي سيفتتح لحركة السيارات في سنة ١٩٧٦ •
- كما شرعنا منذ وقت قصير ببناء مجمع مخازن للشرطة وهي تعد خطوة اخرى في تحديث شرطة عمان الملكية •

يسعدنا ان نتابع اعمالنا ومساعدة سلطنة عمان على التطور والتقدم •

WIMPEY

Contractors to the world

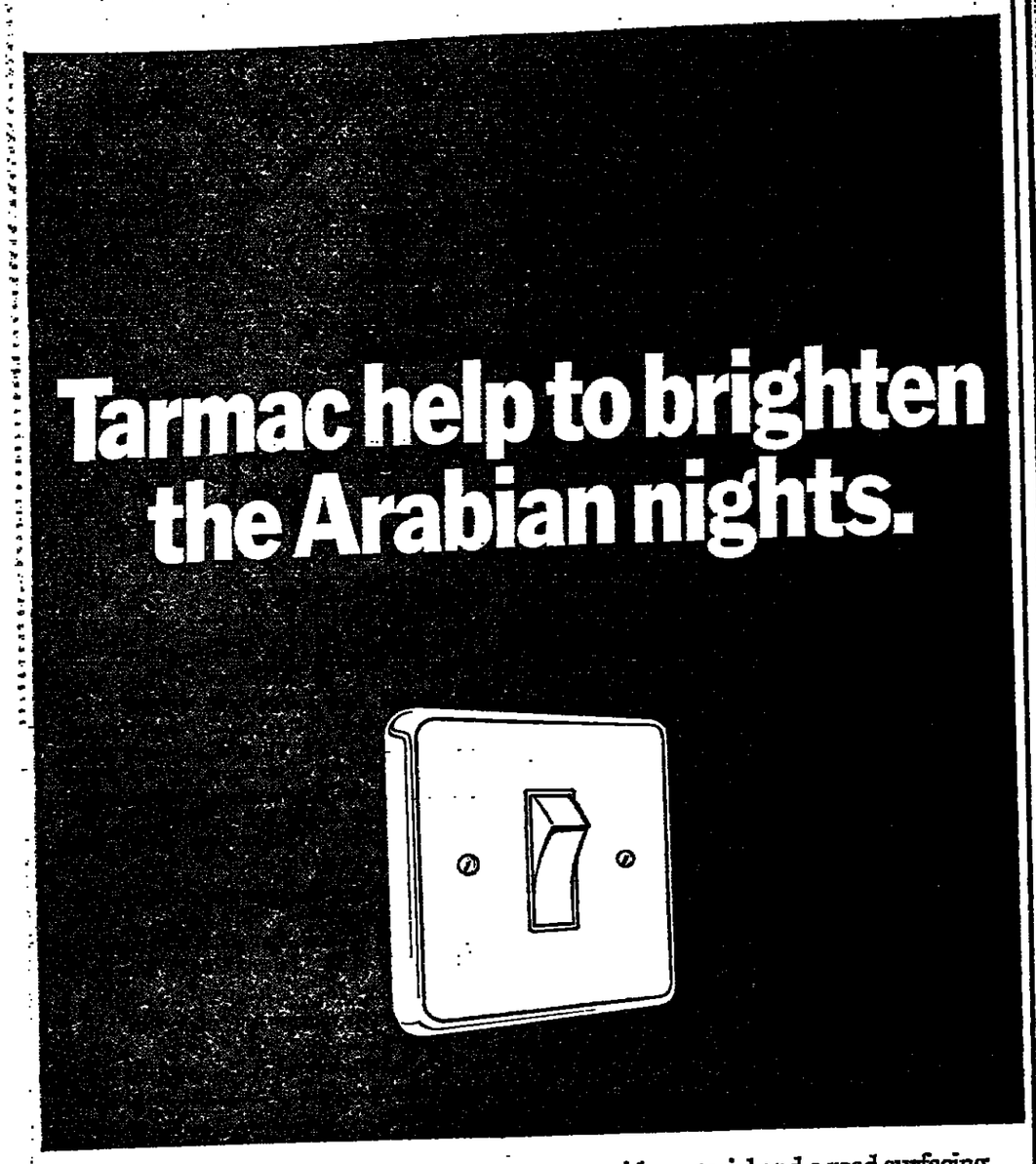
George Wimpey & Co. Ltd., PO Box 1811,
Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Tel: Dubai 27496

George Wimpey & Co. Ltd., PO Box 4436,
Ruwi, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman. Tel: Mutrah 2349

Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls.

GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

Tarmac help to brighten the Arabian nights.



Tarmac are building a chain of 19 power stations to bring electricity to remote areas of Oman as part of a Rural Electrification Scheme.

When the Oman Defence Ministry wanted a complete Naval Base, Tarmac established on the spot services to construct it.

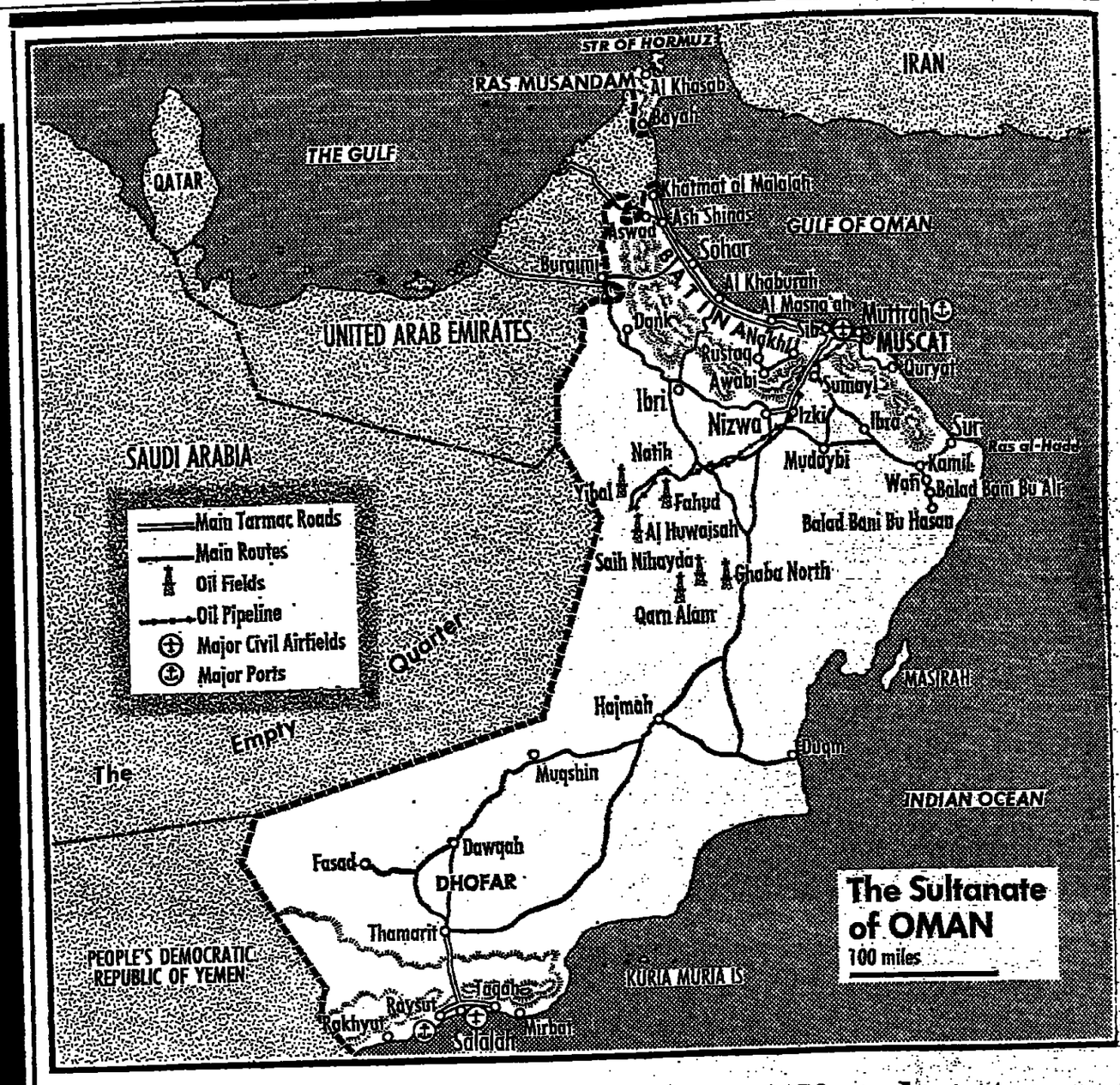
These are just two examples of Tarmac's belief and commitment in the future of Oman where they are now using this base to carry out large and small building and engineering works.

And with road building a priority Tarmac have installed a black top plant to provide material and a road surfacing service.

Tarmac International is using its resources and know how throughout the Middle East and in many parts of the world.

Tarmac INTERNATIONAL
Big in world construction.

Tarmac Overseas Limited, P.O. Box 1004, Mutrah, Muscat, Oman.
Tarmac International, 79, New Cavendish Street, London W1



Ribbon development replaces medieval pattern

by Simon Scott Plummer

In olden days, which in Oman means before 1970, there was a customs post at Ruwi where duty was levied on produce brought into Muscat and Muttrah from the interior. The post was a reminder of the distinction between the coastal capital and the inland towns. In the Treaty of Sib in 1920 the Sultan agreed to respect the traditions of the interior in return for the shaikhs' acceptance of his status. Not for nothing was the country called the Sultanate of Muscat and Oman.

All that remains of the customs barrier today is a small building and the remains of a wall near the al-Nadha hospital, unnoticed by the cars and lorries which stream by. The old divisions between coast and interior, even between northern Oman and Dhofar, are being rapidly eroded as the sultanate modernizes.

Ruwi is now part of a miniature conglomeration which begins at Muscat and ends towards the international airport at Sib, about 25 miles up the coast. From two densely packed localities, Muscat and Muttrah, where the best way of moving about was on foot, the capital area has spread to such an extent that a car is essential to get around within it. The speed of change from medieval compactness to American-style ribbon development must be unequalled.

To speak of Muscat as the capital of modern Oman is misleading. It is merely one of several nuclei within what must now be called "the capital area". Muscat is the site of the Sultan's new palace, a large, ornate building which is out of scale with its humbler surroundings. It also retains several ministries and the embassies of the important foreign powers—Britain, the United States, Iran and India.

The main urban development is taking place farther up the coast, leaving Muscat as a kind of museum town. The national treasures are to be displayed in one of its splendid patrician houses and restoration has begun on the town walls and gates.

To the west the road surmounts the mountain bowl surrounding the old capital and winds along the seashore to Muttrah. Its inability to cope with modern traffic must make the residents of Muscat reluctant to venture out at all. However, work is in progress to improve their links with the outside world. The road between the two towns is being straightened, which involves blasting the rock at certain points on the route and dumping it into bays at others. Access from the south will be improved by building a road from Ruwi by way of Bustan and Sidab, by-passing Muttrah.

If Muscat is not the capital that it was, Muttrah has retained its role as the main commercial centre of Oman. Since Sultan Qaboos's accession it has acquired a deep water port with a capacity of 1,500,000 tons a year.

A new dual carriageway cuts through the hills to the plain on which Ruwi, or Greater Muttrah, lies. Under the previous Sultan the plain contained only the headquarters of the Sultan's Armed Forces, the Beit al Falaj, and an airstrip. When I first visited Oman early in 1973 they had been joined by blocks of government flats, bungalows housing ministerial offices and an hotel. Since then the area has been transformed by new offices, shops, restaurants, cinemas, houses and hotels.

Ruwi today is a frontier town of half-finished buildings. Concrete blocks surrounded with wooden scaffolding rise above little tented camps occupied by the construction workers. As hardly any of the roads are asphalted, pedestrians are coated with dust from passing vehicles.

Despite the mess, Ruwi gives every appearance of becoming the dynamic core of the capital area. Its showpiece will be a new civic and commercial centre, built on the old airstrip and containing the national theatre, the national trade centre, offices of the Ministry and of the Chamber of Commerce, shopping precincts and a mosque.

The western end of the plain has a distinct flavour of the sub-continent. Indians run the shops and restaurants and the cinema shows Indian films. They seem well set to dominate the petty commerce of Ruwi.

From the plain the road runs past the old customs post to Wuttayah. This consists of an Islamic school, modern housing in traditional styles and a large sports stadium for the police. New police stations are a common feature of the capital area and their stadium is the only one of its kind in the country. One assumes that such facilities are a reward for the maintenance of law and order in Oman.

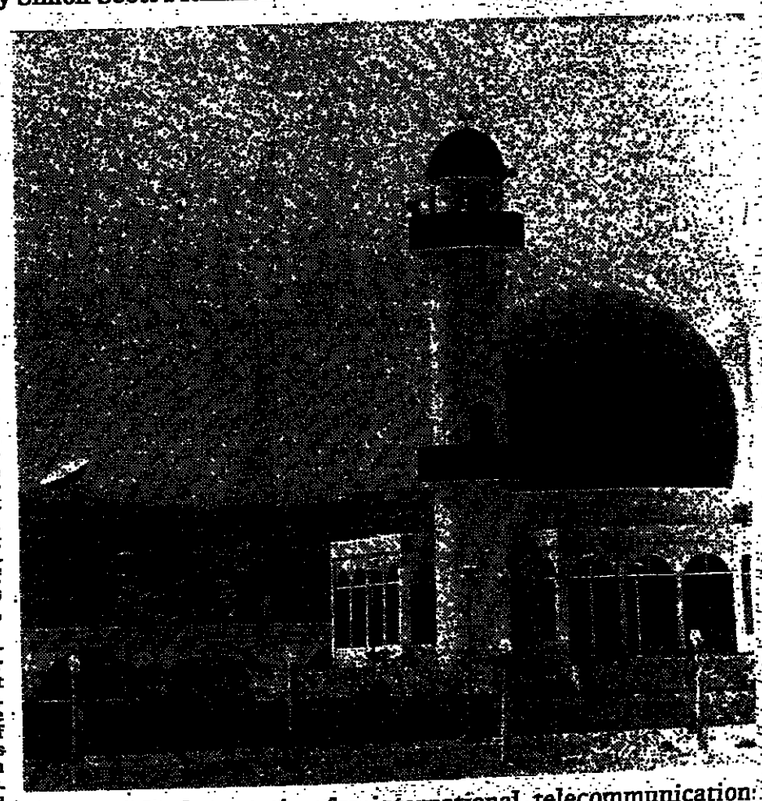
The next urban nucleus on the road to Sib in Qurum, where the Ministry of Information and Culture has moved on to a hilltop overlooking the valley, alongside a new television and radio station. Two hotels are being built on the coast and between them is a small mangrove swamp which has been declared a nature reserve. Police headquarters are under construction near the main road. Qurum is also expected to acquire embassies, housing, a national sports centre and more government ministries.

Beyond that is Medinat Qaboos, the "foreign quarter" of the capital area. Nearly 1,400 houses and flats, a school, clinic and mosque, shops and offices are being built at a cost of more than 18m rials. The houses, some of which sell for about 40,000 rials (£56,000), have been bought or rented mainly by foreign companies.

As well as the Medinat Qaboos development, the area between Qurum and the airport contains a new combined desalination plant and power station and light industry. There are proposals to provide recreational facilities along the coast.

The director of the government organization responsible for planning the capital area estimated that its population had risen by several times since 1970 to about 60,000. Rapid expansion has put a strain on water and electricity supplies which, it is hoped, will be relieved by the desalination plant and power station. Completion of the dual carriageway between Ruwi and Sib will ease traffic congestion but, without restrictions on the import of cars the road will no doubt soon be choked again.

Activity along this smart stretch of coast is in striking contrast to other parts of the country, where little has yet been done. Development of those areas will provide work on the spot for the inhabitants and reduce the flow of people who come to Muscat and its satellite towns in search of the fruits of economic growth.



Cable & Wireless station for international telecommunication by satellite. In the foreground is a minaret of the Islamic Centre, Wuttayah, the capital area.

BANK OF
CREDIT AND COMMERCE
INTERNATIONAL S.A.

(An affiliate of Bank of America NT & SA)

Specialists in International Banking

United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Lebanon,
Oman, Mauritius, Hong Kong, Luxembourg,
North Yemen, Jordan, West Germany.

100 Leadenhall Street London EC3A 3AD
Telephone 01-283 8566

ON THE OCCASION OF THE BIRTHDAY AND
5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ACCESSION OF

HIS MAJESTY
SULTAN QABOOS BIN SAID
SULTAN OF OMAN

HIGGINS AND CATTLE LTD.
EXTEND TO HIS MAJESTY
THEIR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS

WE ARE PROUD
TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH MANY MAJOR
PROJECTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF

OMAN

HIGGINS AND CATTLE LTD.
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS.
P.O. BOX 3135,
RUWI, MUSCAT, OMAN.

HEAD OFFICE
52 LONDON STREET,
CHERTSEY, SURREY.
TELEPHONE CHERTSEY
(STD 09328) 64727
TELEX 929 525 HICAT, CHERTSEY

هكذا من الاصل

Civilian projects hold the key to peace

military campaign
the guerrillas in
and their Marxist
rs in South Yemen
s to make news. On
er 5 the Government
cat announced that
0mm guns were fir-
ss the frontier into
mate.

had been expecting
se of this kind since
ted artillery and air
gainst South Yemen
ber 19. Among the
hen were two 85mm
r Hauf. The arrival
rger-calibre artillery
marks an intensifica-
border exchanges
uld lead to further
ks, possibly by both

a development takes
at to these incidents
blicity is concerned,
it is the key to
ing peace in the
e sultanate's efforts
e loyalty of Dhofaris
oving economic and
nditions are of great
ce to governments
ping countries faced
ism.

ing to Salalah after
an two and a half
was struck by the
of new houses,
d offices. Much of
ltan's palace has
stored, a 15m rial
radio and television
has just been
a hospital with 260
t an hotel with 200
re under construc-
d there are plans
o extend the port
r to the west.

in Salalah has
cosmopolitan, in-
of largely Oman
ish. A German con-
company gave an
est party during
t. There are about
Indians and Pakis-
ho provide skilled
skilled labour and
shops.

existence of the war
obvious, however.
rcraft from Muscat
a military airfield
helicopters sur-
by oil drums and
t aircraft are
Between the hotel
sea is an Iranian
ft post, one of two
the Sultan's
The Iranians have
n in Dhofar—three
battalions, artillery
craft—and sent a
tachment of three
s and several
vessels into action
th.

most important
in Dhofar is the
freedom of move-
March, 1973, areas
the immediate
of Salalah were
bounds to civilians.
ople drive up into
al (mountains) for
or take boat trips
e coast.
last day in Dhofar I
ded two men work-
the *jabali* people
mountains. One,

a Scot and ex-member of the Special Air Service, is responsible for the work of the Civil Aid Department in the *jabal*. When the military clear an area of guerrillas the department provides initial government assistance in the form of a store, a school and a clinic. Once the centre is established, it is handed over to the relevant ministries.

The other was an American from Nebraska, formerly with the Peace Corps in Dhofar, who helps to run the Garzaiz cattle farm near Salalah. The farm buys six-month-old bull calves from the *jabalis* and fattens them on the plain. In the old days the *mountain* people exchanged milk, ghee and wood with the coast people for dried sardines (used as cattle fodder), rice and clothes. That commerce was interrupted by the guerrillas and Garzaiz is an attempt to reintegrate the two economies.

The farm has about 470 cattle and is buying a further 1,000. Eventually it may have 7,500 to 8,000 head. Fodder (maize, grass, alfalfa and sorghum) is grown on an irrigated stretch of land, a bright green patch on the brown plain, which will be extended as the herd increases.

As I was a visitor to the area we picked up a military escort before heading into the *jabal* a few miles east of Salalah. A lorry full of soldiers led the way, followed by our two vehicles and a military Land-Rover. Both my companions were armed.

Progress was slow. The soldiers in front got off the lorry and swept the track for mines. Two vehicles had been blown up recently and they were taking no chances. The guerrillas arrive at night, lay a mine and vanish into the tree-covered limestone ravines. One could see how difficult it would be to catch them.

We climbed to more than 2,000ft above the plain and stopped at Medinat al Saan. The military post there commands glorious views over the mountain range. The summits are rounded, unlike the jagged peaks of the Jabal Akhdar in northern Oman, and reminded me of the Downs. The British officer commanding the post said there were about 60 guerrillas in his territory. Contact with them was largely limited to chance encounters during night patrols.

Near the post is a Civil Aid Department centre consisting of a small store, a classroom and a dispensary. There were six children in the classroom, chanting Arabic under a Jordanian teacher aided by a *jabali*. The store contained sugar, rice and tea and the dispensary a few medicines.

The department has about 30 centres in the mountains and on the coast, in varying stages of development. In the *jabal* its presence stretches from a point west of Rakhyut, near the South Yemen border, where there is a tent and rations, to Tawi Arair in the east.

The centres are run by civil action teams consisting of a leader appointed by the *Wali* (Governor) of Dhofar, a shopkeeper, a school teacher, a medical orderly, a cook and perhaps someone to tend the water pumps and wells. Some centres have a Land-Rover.

The teachers, many of them Egyptian, give instruction in religion as well as in Arabic. The practice of Islam was discouraged by the guerrillas but the Government supports it and plans to equip the centres with prefabricated mosques. The Civil Aid Department is responsible for about 15 schools, each containing between 25 and 50 pupils, children and adults. In Salalah there is a boarding school for 220 *jabali* children.

A flying doctor service visits the centres once a fortnight and the medical orderly, who is usually a *firqat*, carries out the treatment prescribed. The *firqat* form an irregular force of about 1,500. They are mountain people, armed and paid by the Government and able to take on the enemy on his own terms. Most of them are defectors from the guerrillas, of whom there have been about 1,200 over the past five years.

Below Medinat al Saan is a watering place. The local people have made a small reservoir and a trough, which can take 70 cattle at a time, with sand and cement supplied by the Civil Aid Department. Self-help of that sort is encouraged by the department.

The provision of water is the spearhead of the Government's campaign to win *jabali* loyalty. Since early 1973 about 50 boreholes have been drilled within and to the north of the mountains to depths of between 60 and 600 metres. The aim of the programme, which has cost 6m rials, is to supply each tribal area with two wells for domestic use and watering cattle.

In a region where rainfall is restricted almost entirely to the monsoon period (June-September) regular supply of water makes it easier for the *jabali* to settle in one spot. On the other hand concentration of cattle near boreholes could lead to overgrazing.

We drove farther north towards Ashanhaib. The grass had caught fire on a slope to our left and the flames were sweeping downhill towards a gulley, ruining the grazing. During the monsoon the grass is a startling emerald green. In mid-October it had turned brown on top and was interspersed with carpets of white-flowered parsley.

Jabali villages, tucked below the skyline, blend so well with their surroundings that you hardly notice them. The houses are circular. A gap of about four feet between an outer and an inner stone wall is filled with earth. Large branches rest on this to form the supports for a domed roof. Smaller branches, grass and cattle dung are placed over them. Some of the roofs catch fire during the monsoon when the *jabalis* are cooking indoors and the Civil Aid Department supplies the victims with canvas tents.

Ashanhaib has a *firqat* post, a store and watering troughs. It lies on the edge of the Jubub tribal land. To the north is a sparsely vegetated area inhabited by nomads with camels and goats instead of cattle. Beyond that the ground falls into gravelly desert, the Negd, which borders the Empty Quarter.

At Zik, our next stop, we saw several herds of cattle near the water troughs supplied by the Civil Aid Department. They looked in good condition on the post-monsoon grass. The American made inquiries about the prices of bull calves. They were as high as 90 rials, twice what he paid last year, but he thought the farmers would come down before he started to collect the calves in November.

As well as fattening *jabali* cattle the Government has tried to upgrade local stock by importing nine bulls from Kenya. One of them has died, another was shot by the enemy and the remainder are on the coast or in the mountains.

Our last call was at Qairoon Hiareti, which lies at the junction of several tribal areas on the road between Salalah and Thamarit. It is to be one of the main government centres, run by a deputy *wali* and furnished with a hospital, school, mosque, hostel, shops and possibly low-cost housing. Between 400 and 500 people may eventually live there.

The opening of the road on which Qairoon Hiareti lies is a striking symbol of victory over the guerrillas. It was taken by the Iranians in December, 1973, and has been asphalted for nearly all of its 80km, reducing the journey time from four hours to a little over an hour.

Salalah was previously cut off by land from the rest of Oman. During the monsoon, when ships are unable to call, its only connexion with the north was by air. Merchants who used to stock goods until the end of the monsoon and sell at inflated prices have now been undercut by supplies arriving regularly through Thamarit.

Asphalt roads, like water, are of prime importance in the development programme. There are about 250km of tracks in the *jabal*, which become almost impassable in the monsoon and are easy ground for mining.

Last month the Sultan's Armed Forces (SAF) tightened their grip on the guerrillas in western Dhofar by blocking supply routes near the border with South Yemen. If they manage to hold the position, the end of the military campaign against the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman could be in sight.

SAF's success opens a much wider area for the Civil Aid Department, which will need more money and men to cope with it. The department's budget is 600,000 rials. Next year it would like more than 20m rials.

Soldiers and civilians in the forefront of the pacification campaign suspect that government ministries have not grasped the urgency of the tasks ahead. They feel that *jabali* hopes have been raised and failure to maintain the momentum of development could have disastrous psychological effects.

The brake on government spending has already made its mark on the water programme, where the number of drilling rigs in the *jabal* has been reduced from eight to two.

Earlier this year four Pakistan pipe fitters were killed by guerrillas near Ashanhaib. That and the occasional laying of mines make people reluctant to come and work in the *jabal*. Differences in pay between public and private sectors deter people from joining the government civil aid programme. A man employed on the cattle farm near Salalah earns 110 rials a month. As a driver with a construction company he can get 300 rials.

The long-term solution of the struggle in Dhofar is economic and social advancement for the mountain people. Having come so far, it would seem folly for the Government not to rank civil development in Dhofar among projects deemed "absolutely necessary" during the present retrenchment.

S.S.P.



An Iran army helicopter, part of a sizable force in Oman, reinforcing an artillery position near the South Yemen border last month.

Date factory and asphalt road line the route to change

ney from the capital
Nizwa, the main town
interior, has been
ned by a new
road. During my
visit to Oman in
took most of the
to get there ford-
wadi at Fanja, call-
the *wali* at Sumayl
ving round the ruined
Birkat al Mawz.
month we were in
fter only two hours,
substituted the dust
tling of the graded
a smooth run over
it more than 70 mph.
a a concrete viaduct
piers is being built
he *wadi*. We were
turning to Sumayl
I had noticed and
ave by-passed Birkat
had I not asked to
he fort. It was a
demonstration of
proved communica-
ange the feel of a
Eventually Nizwa
inked to the Buraimi
id Abu Dhabi by
oad.
are more accidents
ew road than on the
the *suk* (market) at
better stocked than
A regular bus ser-
the coast has just
nd, with the capital
ught closer in time
the inhabitants of
erior will find it
market their pro-
ere. Studies have
ried out for a road
kbar al Mawz on to
l Akhdar, the moun-
ge which separates
st from the hinter-
Construction of it
nd the isolation of
ntain people.
ther big change in
s a factory for pro-
dates, which started
on this month. It
apacity of four tons
and is expected to
,000 tons next year.
overnment venture,
bout £750,000, and is
n Egyptian engineer,
d Yehia.
the employees are
nd in their national
ey make colourful
workers. Mr Yehia
it their husbands
first reluctant to let
out to work but had
ersuaded by the
of increasing the
icome. The starting
42 rials (about £58)
planned to set up
tories treating local
including plants for
late biscuits, canned
e, tomato paste and
ond coverings for

phalt road and the
ory are the clearest

manifestations of change in Nizwa. In the two and a half years since I was first in Oman there has been nothing like the development carried out in the capital area. The *wali* still governs his province from the imposing fort and the agricultural extension centre, the schools and the hospital remain the chief evidence of modernization.

Lack of development is more apparent further inland. Bahla is linked to Nizwa by a graded road, instead of a rough track, and its *wali* has a new residence. Otherwise, it retains its old and, to European eyes, magnificent features — town walls about eight miles in length and a large fort.

The preservation of ancient monuments has, not unnaturally, been neglected in a country trying to escape from its past as quickly as possible. However, there are indications that their value has now been recognized.

At present the *walis* conduct business from a corner of their forts while the rest disintegrates around them. The Ministry of the Interior would like to move them into modern offices elsewhere and hand over maintenance of the forts to the Department of Antiquities, which is part of the Ministry of Information and Culture. While anxious to arrest the decay of the national patrimony, the department lacks the funds to do so.

The pioneering effort at restoration in the interior will be at Jabrin, about 12 miles south-west of Bahla. The fort there, built in the late seventeenth century, is considered to be one of the finest in Oman, both for its position and its interior decoration. It stands on a gravel plain, surrounded by palms, with a view on one side towards the desert and on the other towards the mountains, the Jabal Khaur and the Jabal Akhdar, whose highest point (9,900ft) is not far distant. The interior is remarkable for its painted ceilings and plasterwork.

A water channel runs through the fort and a door with decorative carving had been placed across it as a plank. Some of the floors had collapsed, others had gaping holes. At the top of the tower the walls bulged alarmingly where they had not fallen away.

In the main rooms the delicate floral patterns on the ceilings and the plaster decoration came as a surprise; they seemed to belong more to a Persian pavilion than an Oman fort. One of the sandalwood ceiling beams had snapped and several had bees' nests hanging from them. The plaster had been dirtied by smoke from fires lit for cooking by occupants of the fort. About 10 families live within its precincts.

A preliminary investigation of Jabrin was made in 1973 and a second, more detailed, last year. Two months ago a five-man mission from the Istituto Italiano per il Medio Oriente (ISMEO) spent several days there. They carried out emergency repairs to protect the painted ceilings against rain and made a thorough survey of the building.

Mr Peter Farries, antiquities specialist at the Department of Antiquities, said he expected ISMEO to begin the main restoration work in January. It would continue for 15 to 18 months, spread over several years because of the heat in summer. The cost of carrying out a basic restoration, as opposed to largely rebuilding the fort, has been estimated at 150,000 rials (about £210,000), though that is likely to rise with inflation.

S.S.P.

ZAWAWI TRADING COMPANY

MASSEY FERGUSON (Export) LIMITED
MIRRLEES BLACKSTONE LIMITED
THE PLESSEY COMPANY LIMITED
BRITTEN-NORMAN—Aircraft
HAWKER SIDDELEY ELECTRIC EXPORT LIMITED
WRIGHT RAIN LIMITED—Planned Irrigation

Sold and serviced in Oman by the
Zawawi Trading Company, P.O. Box 58, Muscat.
Telephone : Muscat 2016/7/8 Telex : MB 232 ZAWAWI

ORYX
Investments Ltd
Merchant Bankers in the Middle East

provides advice and assistance on
Direct investment
Choice of local partners
Sources of finance
Project financing
plus a full range of merchant banking advisory services

For further information

In the Middle East:
Jonkheer Hendrik Hooft,
Oryx Investments Ltd.,
Almulla Building,
P.O. Box 1855, Dubai, U.A.E.
Tel: Dubai 21110 Cables: Oryx Dubai
Telex: 5795 Oryx DB

In London:
Christopher Clarke,
Arbuthnot Latham & Co., Limited.
37 Queen Street, London EC4R 1BY.
Tel: 01-236 5281
Telex: 886680 Arbuthnot LDN

Shareholders in Abu Dhabi Bahrain Dubai Kuwait Qatar Saudi Arabia
Arbuthriot Latham & Co., Limited and Standard and Chartered Banking Group Ltd.

We have spent seven years in the service of the people of Oman commencing with the Muscat Water Supply Scheme.
Since then Hospitals, Schools, Soldiers' Married Quarters.
The Royal Guard Headquarters and other projects including the Royal Oman Police Stadium—twice the centre of National Day Celebrations.

▲ Royal Oman Police Stadium, Wataya
▲ Omani Married Quarters.
▶ Bayt Rusasi, Muscat.
▶ Boys School al Ghallah.

سبع سنوات قضيناها في خدمة الشعب العماني بدأ بمشروع تموين العاصمة مسقط بالماء. وتلى ذلك مشاريع بناء المستشفيات والمدارس والمساكن لأفراد الجيش وعائلاتهم ومقر قيادة الحرس السلطاني واستاد قوة شرطة عمان التي اقيمت فيه احتفالات العيد الوطني مرتين.

في خدمة عمان

Serving Oman

Costain Civil Engineering Limited
1971
Yahya Costain
P O Box 816, Muscat,
Sultanate of Oman Arabia.
Muscat 2026/7
Telex Cosdown 218 MB

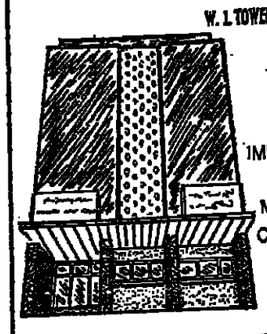
Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and Mr P. Nicholls.

Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to

GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

MATRAH COLD STORES

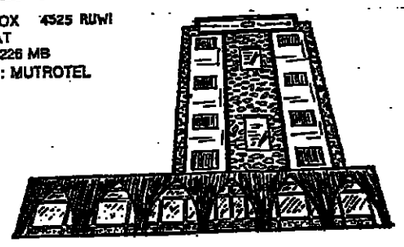
A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN -
W. J. TOWELL & CO. AND SPINNEY'S OVERSEAS LTD.
P.O. BOX 4158 Ruwi
MUSCAT
SULTANATE OF OMAN
Telex: 288 MB
Cables: REEFER, MUSCAT



IMPORTERS, WHOLESALERS
RETAILERS & AGENTS
MAINLY OF FOODSTUFFS
COLD STORE OPERATORS
CATERING SERVICES
HOTEL OWNERS

MUTRAH HOTEL

P.O. BOX 4525 RUWI
MUSCAT
Telex: 226 MB
Cables: MUTROTEL



LONDON ASSOCIATES
SPINNEY'S (1948) LTD.
10 BUCKINGHAM PALACE ROAD
LONDON SW1W 0QP

ASSOCIATES IN SALALAH, DHOFAR PROVINCE

شركة است لماوراء البحار المحدودة

OVERSEAS AST COMPANY LTD.

P.O. BOX 223
MUSCAT
SULTANATE of OMAN
Comm. Reg. No. 760
Telex: AKEC MB 238
Cable: AKEC Muscat
Phone: 6-2428

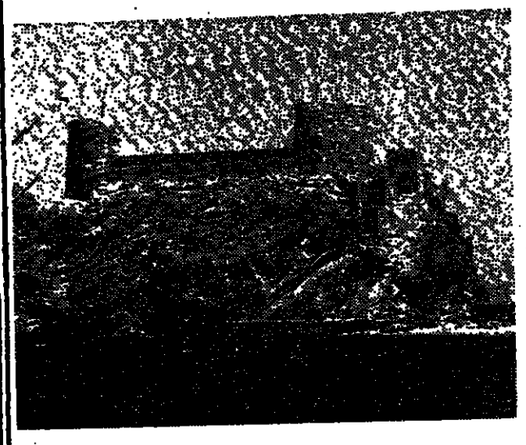
Builders and Contractors
(Established in Gulf area since 1954)

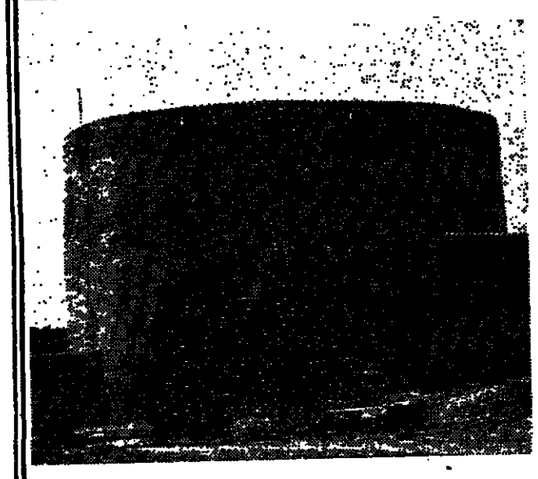
Congratulations to
His Majesty
Sultan Qaboos
on the occasion of
his birthday and
national day

PRESERVING THE PAST HISTORIC











The Government is beginning to take steps to preserve the forts of Oman and there are plans for the Ministry of the Interior to hand over responsibility for their restoration to the Department of Antiquities. El Hazm (top left and right) dates from the early eighteenth century and was the site of a nine-month siege in 1869-70. The great tower at Nizwa (bottom left) is 150 ft in diameter and was built between 1670 and 1680. Jalali (centre left) faces Mirani Fort across Muscat harbour and was built by the Portuguese in 1587. An aerial view of Bahla (bottom right) shows the extent of its decay. The new buildings beyond are signs of the development which has taken place in Oman since 1970.

The world is our construction site.



Water tower in Landskrona, Sweden.

You will often find us outside Sweden. We are Europe's largest construction company with rapidly increasing world-wide engagements. Internationally we work mainly with technically advanced constructions, although we undertake all kinds of projects. Design/construct and turnkey contracts have become something of a speciality for us. This is a cross-section of our recent construction projects.

SKANSKA CEMENTGJUTERIET
Fack, S-201 10 Malmö, Sweden.
Telephone 01046-40-14 40 00. Telex 32247

سكانسكا
سكانسكا ستينتوتريت
مقاولون عالميون
مالمو — السويد
ص.ب: ٦٠٤
مسقط
سلطنة عمان
برقيا: سكانسكا-عمان
تليفون: ٢٣٨٦ مطرح
تلكس: سكانسكا ام بي ٢٤٣



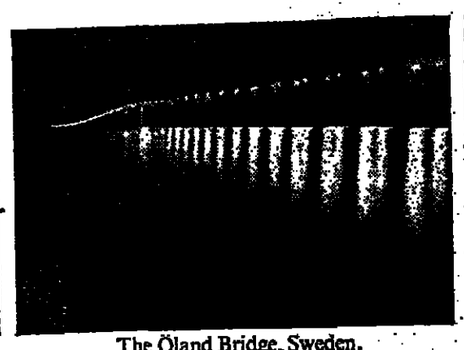
Power station in Solleftea, Sweden.



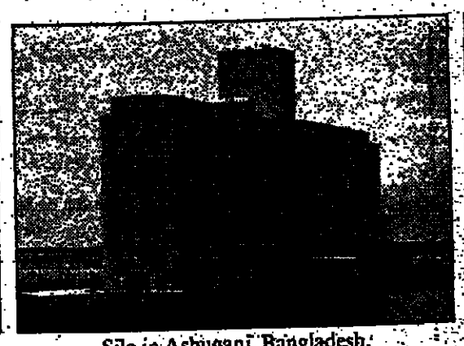
Industrial plant at Värö, Sweden.



Single-family houses in Snekkersten, Denmark.



The Öland Bridge, Sweden.



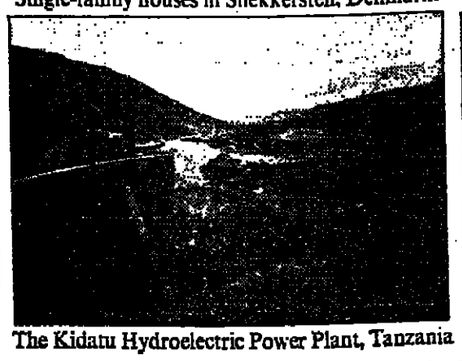
Silo in Ashuganj, Bangladesh.



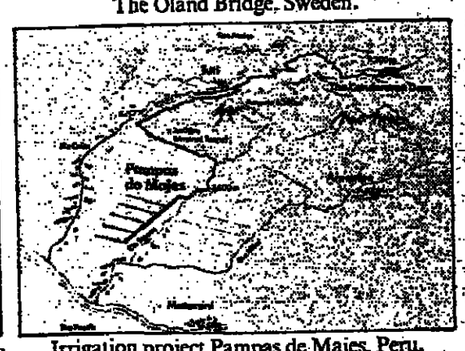
Hospital in Benghazi, Libya.



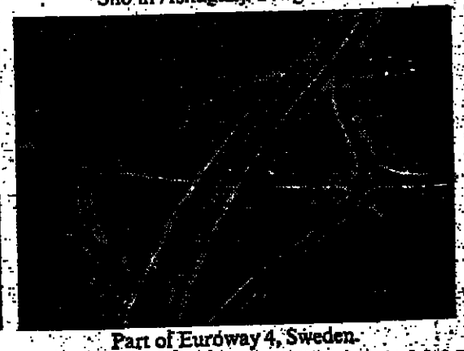
The Olkiluoto Nuclear Power Station, Finland.



The Kidatu Hydroelectric Power Plant, Tanzania



Irrigation project Pampas de Majes, Peru.



Part of Euroway 4, Sweden.



Hospital in Nizwa, Oman.

هكذا من الاصل





...er on the land. Top: fishermen at Muttrah.

Garden of the north bears fruit

by Simon Scott Plummer

The Batina is a coastal plain of about 200 miles stretching in a shallow curve from the capital area of Oman to the eastern corner of the United Arab Emirates. Its main town is Sohar, which in the tenth century was one of the great commercial centres of the Islamic world. Arab and Persian ships trading with India and the Far East would provision there while waiting for the monsoon.

Oman was usually their first landfall as they approached the Gulf on the return journey. Because of the monsoon, it was also well placed to take part in the trade between Africa and India.

Sohar now belies its past, but copper deposits found on either side of the Wadi Jizzi, a watercourse which connects the town with the interior, may bring new prosperity. There are plans to build a port near Sohar for shipment of copper ore.

Three mines in the eastern foothills of the mountains are expected to produce 3,000 tons of ore a day by the end of 1978 and a feasibility study on a copper smelter and refinery is under way. The project will employ about 2,000 people in its initial stage. Further south near Saham a Swiss-Lebanese company is assessing asbestos deposits.

New mineral resources are an important factor in Oman's efforts to lessen its dependence on oil but, as in all under-developed countries, most of the population depend on the land for a living. The Batina is the traditional garden of the north and an exporter of dates and limes. Vegetables are also grown.

Cultivation is on the edge of the sea with a few farms further inland. Behind, a gravelly plain, dotted with trees and crossed by the *wadi*, stretches to the mountains. Most of the water which sporadically floods the *wadi* end up in the sea. The local people rely on wells.

The Government is trying to improve the quality and increase the variety of Batina crops. An experimental station at Rumais, started four years ago, grows pumpkins, gourds, tomatoes, onions, radishes, peppers, parsley, cabbage, spinach, squash, cucumbers, sweet potatoes, groundnuts, mangoes, guavas, oranges, dates and coconuts. Its success has led to the opening of several farms in the vicinity.

The Department of Agriculture wants to restrict cultivation around Rumais as it fears that greater demands on water will lead to an increase in salinity. The threat of salt water seeping in as the fresh water supply diminishes is not peculiar to the Batina; it is found as well around Salalah at the other end of the country.

In the north the chloride from salt and the high content of calcium carbonate already in the ground make it more difficult for the soil to absorb fertilizer. Salinity could be avoided by cultivating farther inland. Rumais lies several miles inland, behind the villages and their groves of date palms.

Both the traditional Batina crops need treatment for disease; the limes for citrus blackfly and the dates for dubbas bug. There are plans to renew the date plantations, but it is difficult to persuade farmers to replace their palm trees.

In Oman the Department of Agriculture aims to increase productivity on the 100,000 acres under cultivation through new varieties of seed, fertilizers and pesticides; to investigate the possibility of tilling new land in the Batina, Dhofar and Sharquia; and to improve the use of the country's scarce water resources.

The value of agricultural production for 1975-76, derived mainly from dates, citrus fruits, wheat and lucerne, is estimated at 31m rials. The Department of Agriculture hopes it will more than double production over the next five years. Of the 1975-76 total, fruit accounts for 18m rials, crops for 6.6m rials and vegetables for 5.7m rials.

The quality of livestock is to be raised by crossing local cattle, sheep and goats with foreign breeds. Poultry, a source of protein more easily expanded than livestock, is also to be improved. There is a scheme to increase egg production, at first to 15 million eggs a day, then to 30 million. Oman imports more than a million eggs a month.

Three quarters of Omanis live off the land and the average size of their holdings is reckoned to be four acres. To counter the fragmentation, the Government has set up four agricultural cooperatives, three in the interior west of the Jabal Akhdar and one in Sharquia. Tractors are supplied to members at less than a quarter of the normal price. There are 75 per cent reductions on seed and 50 per cent reductions on the wholesale price of fertilizer. From next year the cooperatives will buy all their members' produce.

Farmers have accepted new methods more quickly than the Department of Agriculture expected (demand for fertilizer from nearly 30 agricultural extension centres is *particularly strong*). This is encouraging to the Government as it embarks on long-term improvement programmes.

Oman's greatest potential in primary industry probably lies in the sea, particularly around the Musandam peninsula and between Sur and the Kuria Muria Islands. The catch includes tuna, barracuda, sardine, shrimp and lobster.

Three American companies have investigated fishery opportunities and a vessel acquired in 1973 has carried out exploratory fishing operations. Eight Oman fishermen have been trained in handling modern fishing equipment at Monterey in California. Others are receiving instruction in fish processing at Sohar.

The Government has signed an agreement with a New Zealand company for a cold store and ice factory in Muttrah. The capacity of the store is 3,250 tons and the factory will produce 36 tons of ice a day. Oman will also receive three 75ft trawlers and six trucks.

Facilities for storing fish will be set up in Baya on the Musandam peninsula, Sur, Salalah and Masirah.

The Government plans to buy more trawlers and shrimping boats and to give fisherman loans of up to 75 per cent to acquire vessels and machinery.



Unloading calves at Salalah.

NEW HOTEL PROJECT IN OMAN.

Cementation International to construct new township.

Royal Guest House to be built in Oman.

GREATER MUTRAH INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRACT FOR CEMENTATION

Cementation's £33·2 million Oman story.

Cementation International are currently handling four major projects in Oman, worth in total £33.2 million.

For the Oman Tourist Corporation they are designing, constructing and equipping a 99-bedroom hotel in the Ruwi Valley.

For the Ministry of State for Foreign Affairs they are constructing a Royal Guest House which will be situated between Mutrah and Seeb International Airport.

For W.J. Towell & Company, long established traders in the Gulf region, they are building a new township near Muscat. It will be known as Medinat Qaboos New Town.

For the Government of Oman they are constructing the complete infrastructure for a major new town which will be known as Greater Mutrah.

An associate company, Geoprosco, has been carrying out water well exploration and production drilling in Oman since 1972. A total of 250 wells to date.

Cementation International are proud to be involved in the future of Oman.

Cementation International

Cementation International Ltd., 1 Berkeley Street, London W.1. Tel: 01-499 9020 Telex: 21341.

If you don't have branches in Oman, you could probably use ours.



P.O. Box 91, Taxi Stand, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman. Cables: "Grindlay" Phone: 2031/2 Telex: 219 GRNDLY MB

P.O. Box 950, Ruwi, Sultanate of Oman. Cables: "Grindbank" Phone: 2847

P.O. Box 1206, Muttrah, Sultanate of Oman. Cables: "Avrenim" Phone: 2845 Telex: 378 GRNDLY MB

P.O. Box 8537, Salalah, Dhofar Province, Sultanate of Oman. Cables: "Grindlay" Phone: 412

Few markets require such detailed and intimate ...dge as Oman.
And few banks, if any, can offer you quite as much ...dge on the area as Grindlays.
...e 4 branches there.
And through each of ...e can offer you a compre... banking and advisory ...—handling the financial and ...strative side of importing ...porting; making sure ...ke the right contacts; ...ping you thoroughly ...ate on marketing ...unities in the area.
If success in Oman is ...ant to you—so is help of ...bre we can offer you. ...to find out more.

Grindlays Bank Limited

The British bank that's at home, abroad.

P.O. Box 280, 23 Fenchurch Street, London EC3P 3ED
Telex: 885043/6 Tel: 01-626 0545

Office of the General Manager, Gulf and Oman, P.O. Box 793, Bahrain, Tel: 54707 Telex: 8220 MINEVA GJ.

SHB

BAHWAN GROUP OF COMPANIES

Head Office: P.O. Box 169 Muscat Sultanate of Oman.

Tel: 2511 & 2512 (Muttrah) 2293 & 2057 (Muscat) 4198 (Ruwi)
Cable: BAHWAN Telex: 274 MB

Suhail and Saud Bahwan
Sole Distributors for:
Toyota Cars, Commercial Vehicles and Forklifts, Seiko Watches and Clocks, Akai audio-video equipments, Toshiba audio-video equipments and Home appliances, WIN Gas cigarette lighters, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco International S.A.

Suhail and Saud Bahwan
Building Material Division
Importers of steel, Timber, Plywood, Pitch fibre pipes and fittings, G.I. pipes and fittings, G.I. sheets, Nylon Ropes and Nets, Red Comet fire-fighting equipments.

Delta Trading Company
Interior decorators and importers of ceiling and floor tiles, sanitary fixtures, carpets, venetian blinds, curtains, etc.

Bahwan Construction Company
Building and Civil Engineering Contractors.

Electronics Limited
Sole Distributors for:
Pye Telecommunication equipments, Television and Broadcasting equipments, Telephones and Audio-video equipments.

Bahwan Travel Agencies
G.S. As for Kuwait Airways, Pan-American, Air France and sub-agents for Gulf Air.

Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and ... Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls.

...Excluding surplus of approx £30m on realisation of properties at 1st April, 1973 and provisions for deferred profit of £88m.
GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

GETCO group of companies

you get some action when you call

GETCO

Divisions

1 General Trading — We distribute for the largest international companies in the world—warehousing and in depth distribution of all types of building materials.

2 Oman Aluminium — Manufacturers of Crittall swing/sliding doors and windows, and roll formed cladding and roof sheeting. Stockists of aluminium products related to building.

3 Construction Division — All types of civil contracting—pipelines, drilling and development of any scale.

4 Engineering Division — Distribution and servicing of plant and machinery—cranes, fork lift trucks, vibrators, compactors, rollers, etc. General Motor distributors of Oldsmobile cars and Isuzu trucks.

5 National Beverage Company — Manufacturers and distributors of a large range of soft drinks with international brand names. Large scale fillers and packaging plant.

6 Shipping Division — Shipping agents and charterers offering world wide coverage. Vessels also available for charter between Muscat and Salalah and any other ports.

GETCO GROUP OF COMPANIES
PO BOX 84, MUSCAT, SULTANATE OF OMAN
PHONE : MUTRAH 2601-2602. OFF
TELEX : MB 278 CABLE ADDRESS : GETCO

Sharqia: lack of workers gives cause for concern

by Julian Paxton



Camel power in Ibra.

The character of Oman has been moulded by its isolated position in the south-eastern corner of the Arabian Peninsula. The mountains of Oman stretch from Ras Musandam in the north to Ras al-Hadd in the east and are divided into the Western and Eastern Hajar ranges by the Sumail Gap, through which the oil pipeline and a new Tarmac road run, thus linking the coast with the interior of Oman. The corner of Oman embracing the Eastern Hajar is known as the Sharqia or Eastern Region and is one of the less well known parts of the sultanate, being bounded on the south by desert and on the north and east by sea.

It is a wild part of Oman, dominated by mountains which may not be as impressive as the massive slabs and high peaks of the Jebel Akhdar but remain a formidable barrier to approaching the Sharqia from the coast. From Muscat to Sur there is no continuous coastal strip like the Batina. Apart from isolated fishing settlements and a few date plantations, the coastline is a rugged one with the mountains extending to the seashore.

Before 1970 the Sharqia was ruled by Shaikh Ahmed bin Mohammed al-Harthy and his predecessors as an autonomous region of the sultanate. The Sultan's Armed Forces had no right of entry, the Ministry of the Interior had no real jurisdiction there and the oil companies were less than welcome on the few occasions that business had to be conducted with this autocratic shaikh. In the past the Harthy tribe, being the leading members of the Hinawi faction in the Sharqia, if not elsewhere in Oman, played a leading part in Oman politics.

When the revolution took place in Zanzibar in 1963, many East African Omanis were allowed to return to the Sharqia by Shaikh Ahmed, although expressly forbidden to do so by the Sultan. It was mainly through the Sharqia that Omanis left the country to work in other countries of the Gulf and sent their children to receive education when none existed outside the capital area. Drought and the search for a better way of life compelled many Omanis to leave the Sharqia.

For many of them there is still little incentive to return; but it is hoped that as development continues more and more will do so. More than anywhere else in the sultanate, the lack of water and people to till the soil are a cause for some concern. Garden walls have fallen in, palm trees are stunted, houses are in disrepair and the few old people and children are living much as they have done for centuries.

The brighter side is that many Omanis have returned from abroad, if not to the Sharqia at least to capital area. One of them is Shaikh Zaher bin Hamad al-Harthy, who comes from al-Mudhaibib in the Sharqia. A businessman and entrepreneur, he heads the Al-Harthy Corporation, best known for being the Renault and Peugeot agents in Oman, but also involved in a variety of building projects.

Most important is the partnership between Shaikh Zaher and the French firm Dumez (TP) to construct a road into the Sharqia. The project, which got under way a year ago, will cost about 42m rials (£59m) and will take a Tarmac road 270 km from the main Nizwa-Sib road at Bidbid through the Sharqia as far as Sur, with a spur from Kamil connecting Bilad beni Bu Ali and Bilad beni Bu Hassan in the Ja'alan area of the region.

The French contractors have established themselves at Ibra, which is situated in the middle of the Sharqia making a convenient halfway point for the project. Shaikh Zaher is quick to point out that this new road, apart from opening up the Sharqia, is offering employment and training to the local population, as well as benefits such as the three fully equipped hospital wards which have been built at Ibra for the contractors and their families but which will also serve the local community. By next July the road is expected to be completed from Bidbid as far as al-Mudhairib, the home of Shaikh Zaher, where he has already built and equipped a dispensary at his own expense. The rest of the project will be completed in 1977.

This is not the first road to be built into the Sharqia. The British Government instigated the formation of a development council to build roads and health clinics and to initiate pump schemes and agricultural improvements. In his book, *The Wind of Morning*, Colonel Sir Hugh Boustead, who was Secretary for Development in the early 1960s, describes the difficult and unpleasant conditions with which he had to contend when driving the road through the Wadi al-Aqq. The name means valley or wadi of the ravine and it is a formidable natural obstacle.

Thanks to the efforts of the Roads Department of the Ministry of Communications, the original road on which the survey for the new road was made has been well maintained and graded by teams operating from camps all the way to Sur. Road signs have been erected and it is now common to see taxis as well as Land-Rovers and heavier vehicles surmounting the hairpin bends of the Wadi al-Aqq.

It is a further sign of the times that several vehicles are to be seen with Abu Dhabi number plates and that there are always people on the side of the road thumbing or waving down a lift. Notwithstanding these improvements it is still a gruelling and tedious seven-hour journey from Muscat to Sur.

Sur is the third port after Muscat and Muttrah and in the past had an unsavoury reputation for slave trading and arms smuggling. The harbour is a shallow creek suitable only for dhows, which are still an important and cheap means of transport all over the Gulf. Sur is a place where dhows are still built and the Government has encouraged the people to retain their skills by setting up a boat-building workshop next to the traditional shipyard alongside the creek.

The people of Sur have always been an independent community looking outwards rather than inwards and regarding the sea as their means of existence, whether by fishing or commerce. In the past they were always feuding with their neighbours across the creek in Aiqa, a stronghold of the Beni bu Ali.

Sur district ringed with defences

Sur has many facets and is divided into Sur al-Sahil and Bilad Sur. The latter, an enormous garden of palm trees with its own suk, some few miles inland, supplies the coastal part of Sur with piped water. The district of Sur is ringed with defences and from the sea there is a fine view of the fort at Sunaisaleh, which sticks out like a crusader castle.

The buildings in Aiqa are exceptionally picturesque and even the approach to Sur by road is romantic and interesting. The gateway to the town is the customs post in the Wadi Fulaij, nicknamed the eye of the needle.

It is so called because it allows only one donkey or camel at a time with its load to pass up a steep path overlooked by a fort. Fortunately the graded road bypasses this landmark, which is thus preserved for posterity as a reminder of the insularity of Sur in days gone by.

One of the great improvements made by the Ministry of the Interior at Sur, and incidentally elsewhere in Oman, is the establishment of municipalities. To the Western reader accustomed to regular and reasonable services provided by the local council, this may not sound a particularly significant step; but in a developing society public health and hygiene is of the utmost importance.

Before the municipality was established in Sur, the beach was covered with flotsam and jetsam of the worst kind. The suk was full of flies and there was no proper rubbish disposal. The place is now much cleaner and tidier.

Across the creek in Aiqua there is no fresh water and all the people's requirements must be ferried across in plastic drums. Previously this was done by a number of *houris*—the Oman version of a dug-out canoe—which were precariously paddled back and forth across the creek weighed down past the water line with passengers, animals, goods and water. These have been replaced by a free motorized ferry service proudly flying the Oman flag and controlled by the municipality.

Sur is the port for most of the Sharqia and besides its connexion with East Africa has a strong trading link with India. The date exports of the Sharqia, mainly from an area of date plantations and villages known as Bidayah, go to India and in return simple manufactured goods and cloths are imported. Indian merchants have been trading in Sur for many years and on one occasion the British Government was forced to take action when a number of Indian merchants, their subjects, were massacred by the local inhabitants.

Besides international trading, the merchants of Sur reexport goods from Muscat to Masirah and other smaller places along the coast. At first sight the suk appears to be rather ramshackle; but on closer examination all the goods that one might expect to find only in Muscat are on display. There is even a shop devoted to selling pirated Arab pop music on cassettes. Like other innovations, the cassette has been accepted by the Omanis more readily than by some westerners. No self respecting driver omits to entertain his passengers with a cassette recorder fitted to the dashboard of his car.

It was from Sur that the disastrous punitive expedition set out against the Beni Bu Ali in 1820 under the command of Captain Thompson, who was subsequently court-martialled for his failure. Most of his Anglo-Indian field forces were killed and the British sent another expedition to avenge the defeat. Until recently the Wahabi tribesmen of the Beni Bu Ali have been at feud with their neighbours, the Beni bu Hassan, in particular and any strangers from elsewhere in general. Since 1970 a proper administration has been established with schools and health centres and they are now at peace with one another and the outside world.

Ras al-Hadd, which is more easily reached by dhow from Sur than by road through ja'alan, is nothing like the peninsula of Musandam. It is a sandy promontory invisible to the naked eye except for the navigation beacon which seems to stick straight out of the sea. On the sand are the remains of a crumbling runway and derelict machinery left from the Second World War. Near by there are some fishermen and in the solitary fort a handful of guards.

To the west of Sur lies the remains of the ancient city of Qalhat. Qalhat was an important port in the early history of the Gulf and is mentioned in the travels of Marco Polo and in the writings of Ibn Battuta, his Arab counterpart, who flourished about 50 years later. The story goes that Qalhat was destroyed by earthquake; but this would seem to be a dramatic way of describing the collapse of a colony for political reasons, or a shortage of water or the silting up of the harbour. The Portuguese sacked the place shortly before they captured Muscat.

Today there is a small fishing village on the other side of the creek and nothing much remains of the glory that was Qalhat apart from the ruins of some cisterns and three shrines. The approach is on foot over a rocky mountain path crossing a stone wall into an area littered with bits and pieces of stone and potsherd. There are grave headstones still standing but the inscriptions are too weathered to be decipherable. Strangers do not often go there and the visitor will be asked by the people if he has come to build a road to link them with Sur.

Parts of the Sharqia will remain undeveloped and untouched for many more years; but the road to Sur from Muscat will bring more and more trade to the interior. The next step is to develop the water resources and agricultural potential of the area. Unfortunately as in the rest of the sultanate, agricultural workers expect wages in cash, whereas before they normally received them in kind. Better job opportunities on the coast force Omanis in the interior to leave their homes, which is distressing not only from a social but also an economic point of view.

Established 1866

W. J. TOWELL & CO. LTD.

(C.R. No. 373)

Importers
Wholesalers
Exporters
General Merchants
Manufacturers
Representatives
Ship Owners

P.O. Box 1061
MUTRAH-MUSCAT
SULTANATE OF OMAN

Telex : MB 214
Cables : TOWELL MUSCAT
Phones 2131 to 2135, 2161, 2165, 2169

Associated with
TAYLOR WOODROW-TOWELL CO LTD
MATRAH COLD STORES.

J&P JOANNOU & PARASKEVAIDES (OVERSEAS) LIMITED

The International Civil Engineering and Building Company

On the occasion of the National Day of Oman we wish H.M. Sultan Qaboos Bin Said and His people continued success in the development of their country.

In Oman our achievements are on stamps:



J&P built the SEEB INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Presently we are constructing the first dual carriageway in Oman, the Salalah International Airport and a multiphased complex which includes housing, power stations, reservoirs, a hospital, clubs, schools and other facilities.

Moreover, we are participating in the economic development of Oman by establishing pioneer projects as agricultural farms, a terrazzo tile factory and a prefabricated housing factory.

J&P JOANNOU & PARASKEVAIDES (OVERSEAS) LTD.

OFFICES IN OMAN
P.O. Box 603, Muscat
Te. Risail 328-9
Telex MB 242 JAYNPEE

OFFICES IN LONDON
c/o JOANNOU & PARASKEVAIDES (UK) LTD
Kendal House,
203 Regent Street, W.1.
Tel. 01-734 9308 Telex 267758

CHEVERTON WORKBOATS SIEMENS
DAVID CHEVERTON (SALES) LIMITED

Waleed Associates

Telex: Waleed MB 270
Telegram: Waleed
Telephone: 2495, 2592
P.O.B.: 437
Muscat - Oman

ROLLS-ROYCE MOTORS
Diesel Division

engines

هكذا من الاصل

Search for oil put vast uncharted area on the map

ld map of the Peninsula little be found in the known as the of Oman. The iscat and Salalah the north and asts respectively ger letters, spread determinate area, Oman and Dhofar. lie 500 miles of ng up more than ters of the land e Sultanate.

ch for oil has put ncharted area on Boundaries, based of latitude and ave been created e existed and merely known to ful of tribesmen given to the pro- prospective oil many cases it was find an accep- name, so the oil- the British army ond World War, the positions nightsbridge and in the Western e nicknames to areas.

ricans in Dhofar e name Midway ase camp in the th of Salalah. pulled out leav- uantities of sup- deserted camp, stuck. Properly speaking, however, the area is known as Thamarit. The Defence Department has rebuilt and developed the old oil camp into a supply base for the Dhofar war and the civil construction work in the Southern Province.

The first oil concessions were granted in 1925, but serious exploration began in the 1950s. At the time the country was torn in two by civil war and it was impossible to reach the desert from the coast through the mountains without a strong military escort. Apart from flying, the only way into the desert was through a small fishing hamlet called Duqm, south-west of Masirah Island.

In October 1954 a flying column set out from Duqm, consisting of oil company representatives, the Duru shaikhs, who had been forced to seek refuge in Abu Dhabi, and a small military detachment from the Sultan's Armed Forces.

The geologists were keen to explore the Fahud area with the assistance of the Duru, who were far more interested in the fate of their date plantations which were in the rebel hands. When the news reached Ibri of this expedition and when the trails of dust were seen approaching, the rebels decamped and Ibri was taken for the Sultan without a shot being fired.

The political situation, coupled with the failure of the company to find oil at Fahud, Ghaba and Haima, led to a change in the shareholding of Petroleum Development (Oman), which had been part of the Iraq Petroleum group of companies. Two of the shareholders, Shell and Partex, decided to remain and continue the search for oil. Their perseverance was rewarded and between 1962 and 1964 discoveries were made at Yibal Natih and Fahud.

Since then the company has been exploring the Southern Province of Oman. Seismic parties penetrated the edges of the Empty Quarter on Oman's border with Saudi Arabia and have gone back to the northern desert areas to carry out a more intensive survey with more up-to-date methods.

As a result of this continued exploration, it was possible to bring the Ghaba development project on stream earlier this year. It has also been decided to connect a small field at Lekhwair with the original production facilities at Fahud.

The Buraimi dispute, which made world headlines, emphasized the problem of boundaries and frontiers in desert areas where none really existed before the search for oil. When the oil company was the sole employer in the interior of Oman, there were constant disputes as to which tribe should work in which location and in which jobs. The problem to some extent is still there; but now that more contractors have moved in and the number of vehicles has increased all over Oman, there is less pressure and one tribe will often accept members of other tribes working within its areas. When the pipeline was built, the labour had to be changed as the work progressed and moved from one area to another. Ten years later when the Nizwa-Sib road was started over the same territory there was not the same demarcation.

Fortunately for the Duru and less fortunately for their neighbours all the oil discovered so far has been in their area. The opportunity to have priority of employment and hence more money than the other tribes is gradually changing their way of life. From being a truly nomadic tribe they are becoming semi-settled and are showing more interest in the cultivation of land and simple professions. Above all and in keeping with their nomadic traditions, they still prefer the profession of driver. The status of a heavy vehicle driver with the oil company is high and some of the Duru have 10 or 12 years' service.

More and more vehicles are owned by Bedu families, partly for their own transportation and partly to earn money by bringing supplies from the towns situated on the edge of the desert. Tinned food and other goods now form an important part of their way of life. The oil camp at Fahud is supplied with water from a small oasis called Awfeifi, which has become a settlement for the Duru, who own their own pumps and wells to irrigate small plots of land. The increase in the number of vehicles means that it is easier to reach hospitals and, perhaps in the future, schools.

Although the Beduin accept the Land Rover and other modern inventions as a matter of course, it has not changed their way of life as much as one might think. The tribal structure is still very important to them and they remain as independent as ever. It is difficult to impose exchanges of any sort and so far they have not been persuaded to work over the religious holidays on rigs and seismic parties which have to be closed down at great expense.

The journey across the desert from north to south takes three days by vehicle. Nowadays, with a graded road all the way, navigation is no problem. Beside the tracks lie all sorts of debris, which tell the story of the desert, from a burnt-out tanker to a pile of drums or an old rig. Such items to the desert traveller have become landmarks and reference objects, when to our western eyes intent on conservation they might appear to be an untidy example of how man is spoiling his environment. However, nothing is more welcome than the first glimpse, like landfall, of the camp for which the desert traveller is making.

On the northern edge of the desert there is more variety in the landscape. Where the wadis open out, there are green patches where camels and wild donkeys graze. After the rains, which come intermittently, water lies in the wadi beds for some time and the whole area becomes fresh and green. Past the foothills and occasional features, the desert becomes gravel plain, with occasional outcrops and some steep escarpments near the sea. The Beduin say that these more inaccessible parts of the desert are full of jinn, who find the machinery and activities of the oil company an intrusion on their privacy!

Farther south the gravel plain becomes the sandy desert that is most people's conception of what a desert should look like. Anyone expecting to see camelhair tents will be disappointed, for there are few inhabitants and they make use of trees for shelter. Their belongings and food they keep in the branches out of the way of the goats. Pieces of material or cardboard provide shade from the sun.

According to their tribe and area the Beduin follow different ways of life. Some are purely nomadic, others are part fishermen and others have date plantations. Some have become completely settled and some are partially settled on the outskirts of towns close to the desert. Few travel and hunt as they used to across immense distances, simply because the game is no longer there. The approach across the desert was one of the traditional ways of entering Oman; but now there are other methods of communication and no one makes the trip by camel except for fun.

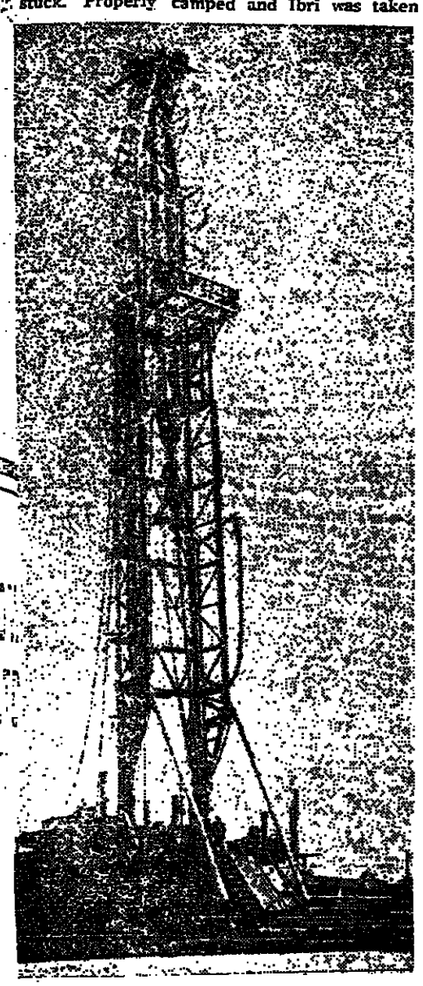
In the search for oil the aircraft has played a vital role in making the desert more accessible to man. The oil company has two permanent airstrips in the desert and a number of other temporary and emergency landing grounds. More recently the Royal Oman Police, with their expanding air arm, have begun to play a part in the desert areas, particularly along the frontier with Abu Dhabi. The Defence Department shares with the oil company the task of grading and maintaining the road to Dhofar using the old company base at Haima. The development of the Southern Province and the war effort depends on the supplies sent across the desert.

It seems unlikely that the desert will ever be turned into a place of permanent habitation or an agricultural production area. The problem is water, which has to be transported over great distances just to keep a few seismic parties and drilling rigs supplied. If water was found in any quantity, it would probably make more sense to pump it to areas already settled where it could be used for the benefit of the existing population rather than for creating new communities in the desert.

Oman has fertile areas of land, which have been cultivated in the past and are now being redeveloped. One day it is assumed that the oil will run out and that Oman will have to revert to its traditional occupations and exports.

In the race against time to develop proper social services there is no place for fanciful schemes to make the desert bloom. When the time comes for the oilman to leave the desert, let us hope that the Beduin are finally assimilated into the settled community and that it has once again become no man's land.

J.P.



ing rig in the desert.



Skyvan and Defender aircraft on the airstrip at Khasab.

The 'last corner' of Arabia

by Simon Scott Plummer

From Sib the aircraft flies north-west up the Batina coast. After an hour or so the mountains begin to close on the sea until the landscape is a mass of sharp peaks and ridges. The aircraft drops towards this formidable barrier, crosses a ridge and emerges over a dry, pebbly valley with walls of rock rising above its wings on either side.

It turns to the right with the valley, to the right again and Khasab, the capital of the Musandam peninsula lies before us—an airstrip at the back of the town, the houses among a thick grove of date palms, a fort on the seashore and, beyond, boats tilted at crazy angles on the sand flats.

The peninsula forms the southern side of the entrance of the Persian Gulf, through which, as the Shah of Iran has reminded us, $180m worth of oil passes each day. Thirty miles away across the Strait of Hormuz is southern Iran. The Shah has said that he would not tolerate a hostile presence on Musandam and one can see why; closure of the strait would strangle his country economically.

For an area of such strategic importance to the oil producers and their trading partners the peninsula has surprisingly few defenders. About 170 members of the Oman Gendarmerie and the occasional visit by a vessel of Oman's tiny navy constitute the military presence there. When I put this to Mr Qais Zawawi, the Foreign Minister, he said that the ground strength of the Sultan's Armed Forces would be increased and a naval base set up on Jazirat al Gharam, or Goat Island, where there is a sheltered anchorage of about 20 fathoms.

Musandam has been neglected by the civilian administration as well as by the military. It is the last corner of a country which has been called the last corner of Arabia.

Over the past five years Khasab, Bukha and Baya have each acquired two schools, one for boys and one for girls, and a health centre. There is a tented school at Limah on the east coast.

Khasab has a piped water supply from a 3,000 gallon tank and drilling for water has taken place at Baya and Bukha. Plans for a desalination plant have so far come to nothing and an attempt to get a drilling rig into the interior at Rawdah has been thwarted by the refusal of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to let it in from their side of the border.

Musandam has a closer relationship with the UAE than with the rest of Oman to which it is not even contiguous. As a result of tribal struggles in the early nineteenth century 50 miles of Fujairah and Sharjah separate Baya from Khatma Malalah on the Batina plain.

The asphalt road from Muscat stops at Khatma Malalah. Access to the peninsula is by boat—there is no regular service—or by thrice weekly Skyvan and Defender flights operated by the Sultan of Oman's Air Force.

Ninety per cent of Musandam's trade is with the UAE with which they exchange fish and dates for basic commodities such as spices and flour. Fishing boats from the emirates are frequent visitors to Khasab Bay.

A more worrying connexion from Oman's point of view is emigration. The UAE acts as a magnet to the inhabitants of Musandam because of the lack of development, and therefore shortage of work, on the peninsula.

When I discussed this loss of manpower with Mr Khalfan Nasir, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, he said that from an economic point of view it was not feasible for the Government to develop social services for so few people. One can see his point, especially as far as building roads is concerned; but the alternative to development would seem to be that the peninsula will slip still further into the UAE's orbit.

Oman is unfortunate in that its least favoured region is adjacent to one of the most prosperous parts of the world. Government officials are particularly suspicious of Ras al Khaymah, which lays claim to parts of Musandam and, in the eyes of some, is attempting economic subversion of the peninsula with money it receives from Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

Omanis are not the only people to cross the border into Ras al Khaymah. The peninsula is a popular transit point for illegal Pakistan immigrants on their way to work in the UAE. They are landed at Nibah and Qabal on the east coast and walk down à *wadi* (valley) and over the mountains to Shamm. Parties extend from a dozen to several hundreds and are difficult to control. On the whole the Oman gendarmerie turns a blind eye to this traffic.

Musandam has perhaps 10,000 inhabitants, 95 per cent of them members of the Shihu tribe. Their language has Arabic words but is different from Arabic and is unwritten.

The people of Kumzar, a village with a population of about 3,000 overlooking the Strait of Hormuz, speak a different language again. By land they are completely cut off from Khasab by precipitous mountains.

Some of the peninsula people live in the mountains, others on the coast. From June to September the *jabalis* (mountain people) descend to the coast and take part in the date harvest. The normal population of Khasab is between 1,500 and 1,750; during this migration it swells to nearly 5,000.

After the harvest the *jabalis* take down their *burastis* (palm frond shelters), roll them up, stack them ready for next year and return to the mountains to catch the first winter rains. They plant wheat in December and by February the mountains are dotted with patches of emerald green. The lower slopes are harvested in March and the upper ones in April. Cultivation goes up to 5,000ft.

As well as growing dates the coastal people fish, using big motor-driven launches called booms and a combination of handlines, nets and traps, semi-circular wire nets weighted down and entered by a funnel laid with bait.

The Government believes that fishing could be developed into an important industry in Musandam. The other factor which it hopes will bring prosperity to the peninsula is the discovery of oil. Elf-Erap, the French company, is drilling offshore in the vicinity.

Water presents a great difficulty for Musandam. There are wells in the coastal villages but few natural springs or supplies of running water. The people hollow out crevices in the rock, some of them as deep as 50ft, and line them with cement.

These cisterns may provide enough water to last from one rainy season to the next but usually run dry after two or three months at the most. The people are therefore constantly on the move in search of water.

For a region so scarce of this commodity it was cruelly ironic that Khasab should be devastated by a flood a few months ago. For several days it had been sultry and cloudy. At 9.30 pm on August 17 it started to rain. Fifteen minutes later a violent cyclonic storm was raging with thunder, lightning and a torrential downpour. The water, 20ft deep in some places, swept through Khasab, killing four people, destroying livestock, carrying away *burastis* and damaging houses and gardens.

Extremes of weather are a feature of the peninsula. It can be cold in winter and extremely hot in summer. In the nineteenth century a telegraph station was set up on an island in the Elphinstone Inlet but the heat in summer from the surrounding bowl of mountains was so fearful—up to 150degF (65degC)—that the operators retreated to the cooler shores of Goat Island.

SOGEX
INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

WATER AND POWER "PACKAGE" PROJECTS
for the
SULTANATE OF OMAN

GHUBRAH I
- Desalination & Power Plant 27.5 MW & 14 MIGPD (on Polyphosate) or 6 MIGPD (on acid).

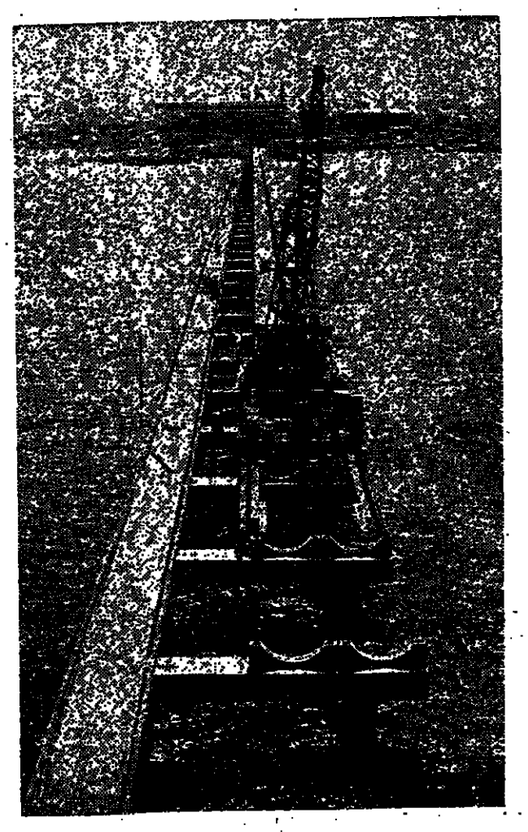
OTHER TURNKEY PROJECTS
- Ghubrah II. 50 MW Extension.
- 132 kV Transmission Line 39 kms & Five Substations.
- 24in. Ø Water Pipeline 60 kms.
- 4in. Ø Crude Oil Pipeline 16 kms.
- Town Electrification: Nizwa, Rustaq, Buraimi, Sur, Sohar, Samail & Ibri.
- Inter Continental Hotel 308 rooms.

also
- Musana'a-Rustaq Road (Joint Venture).
- Oman satellite Earth station (civil works).

DOMESTIC SERVICES
Air Conditioning by Carrier.
Lifts by Otis.
Water Treatment by Culligan.

SOGEX CONTRACTING & TRADING
SOGEX SPECIALIZED ENGINEERING
P.O. Box 670-Muscat
Telex: Sogex-MB 282.
Tel.: Muttrah 2727.

Head office
Sogex Contracting & Trading.
Sogex Specialized Engineering.
P.O. Box 119445. Cable Sogex.
Telex: Sogex 21510LE.
Tel.: 353727 353728 354481.
Beirut, Lebanon.



SARABEX
International Foreign Exchange and Money Brokers
Dealers in European and Middle Eastern Currencies
FOREIGN EXCHANGE—DEPOSITS

LONDON
Sarabex Limited, 14 Moor Lane,
London EC2Y 9BN
Tel: 01-628 2791 (Dealers 10 lines)
01-628 2187 (General 4 lines)
Telex: 881166/3/4/5/6

BEIRUT
Sarabex Limited, PO Box 11-1121
Beirut – Lebanon
Tel: 336574-243493
Telex: 20943-21122

ZURICH
Sarabex International SA,
46 Baumeckerstrasse, PO Box 818
8050 Zurich, Switzerland
Tel: (01) 46 35 11, 46 36 32, 46 36 68,
Telex: 58579

MEMBERS OF SARABEX ARAB FINANCIAL BROKERAGE LIMITED

Dealing quotations available daily in Sterling, Deutsche Mark, Kuwaiti Dinars, Saudi Riyals, UAE Dirham, Bahrain Dinar, Qatar Riyals, Iranian Rials and Omani Riyals

OVER
1250
BRANCHES IN PAKISTAN
55
BRANCHES ABROAD
IN FAR EAST & SOUTH ASIA
SINGAPORE KUALA LUMPUR
MALE
REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES
HONG KONG JAKARTA
IN MIDDLE EAST
ABU DHABI BAHRAIN
HODEIDAH DUBAI
KHORFAKKAN MUSCAT
RASALKHAIMA
SHARJAH UMM AL QAIWAIN
IN AFRICA
CURE/PIPE MALINDI
PORT LOUIS
IN U.K.
BIRMINGHAM
BRADFORD
LONDON MANCHESTER
ROCHDALE SHEFFIELD
IN U.S.A.
NEW YORK
Rs. 250 MILLION
PAID-UP CAPITAL & RESERVES
Rs. 8210 MILLION
DEPOSITS
Rs. 14848 MILLION
TOTAL ASSETS
This in brief is Habib Bank—the largest bank in Pakistan. Its computer installations, printer and telex lines, etc. make it the banking requirements in Pakistan of any bank that has branches. let Habib Bank serve you.
Habib Bank

OMAN INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
SULTANATE OF OMAN
Central P.O.B. 4769 Ruwi
Cable: INOMAN
Telex: 312 Inoman MB
Telephone: Mutrah 2243
Agriculture, Building Materials, Catering, Construction, Furniture and Joinery, Insurance, Prefabricated Housing, Oilfield Supplies and Services, Transport, Travel.

Agents and Distributors for:
Acrow (Engineers) (U.K.)
Chris Craft (Italy)
Dalami (France)
Dawson Group (U.K.)
Decca Communications (U.K.)
Dryad Metal Works (U.K.)
Firesnow (U.K.)
General Electric (U.S.A.)
Illingsworth (U.K.)
International Harvester (U.S.A.)
A. C. Morrisons (U.K.)
Siderexport (Italy)
Wild Herbrugg (Switz.)

Habitat Holdings in the new year as a main board director and ... Finance at the Forestry Commission on January 1 in succession to Mr P. Nicholls.

*Excluding surplus of approx £81m on revaluation of properties at 1st April, 1973 and provision for deferred profit of £60m.
GUS operates over 2,500 Mail Order and Retail Establishments in the U.K. and Overseas

GULF AIR VC10 to 10 AM DAILY TO THE ARABIAN GULF

11 WEEKLY FROM LONDON HEATHROW		MON	TUES		WED	THURS		FRI	SAT		SUN	
	DEP	09.50	09.50	19.45	09.50	09.50	19.45	09.50	09.50	19.45	09.50	19.45
7 TO BEIRUT	ARR	16.25	16.25		16.25	16.25		16.25	16.25		16.25	
5 TO BAHRAIN	ARR	20.30			20.30		06.05 FRI			05.05 SUN		05.05 MON
5 TO DOHA	ARR			05.15 WED		20.40		20.40	20.40		20.40	
5 TO ABU DHABI	ARR	23.20		08.00 WED		23.20			23.20		23.20	
4 TO DUBAI	ARR		22.00		23.20			23.25		08.00 SUN		
8 TO MUSCAT	ARR		23.30	09.35 WED		00.55 FRI	08.30 FRI	00.55 SAT	00.55 SUN	09.30 SUN		08.30 MON

Every morning at 9.50 a Gulf Air VC10 leaves Heathrow for the Arabian Gulf via Beirut.

Why 9.50 a.m.?

You can have a full night in bed at either end – You check in at Heathrow before the morning traffic jams –

You are the first out of London and the first in the Gulf –

And if you have flown transatlantic overnight you will appreciate an immediate connection and the oh, so quiet comfort of our VC10 Golden Falcon Service –

We also connect with early birds from the Continent and regional centres of Britain.

See you aboard any day at 10 to 10 a.m.!

Of course, if you prefer to travel overnight, we'll be equally pleased to see you aboard at 19.45 any Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday or Sunday, non-stop to the Gulf.

For reservations contact British Airways (General Sales Agents for Gulf Air). Tel: 01-828 9711. For further details: Gulf Air Regional Manager, Europe and America (Suite 234/5 Churchill Hotel, Portman Square, London W.1). Tel: 01-486 5800.

GULF AIR
THE GOLDEN FALCON SERVICE
In association with British Airways and Middle East Airlines.

OMAN UNITED AGENCIES LTD.

TRAVEL AGENTS, LIGHTERAGE, MARINE CONTRACTORS AND GENERAL MERCHANTS

GENERAL SALES AGENTS FOR:

AIR INDIA, BRITISH AIRWAYS, GULF AIR, KLM, M.E.A., QANTAS

COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL SERVICE

AIR, SEA AND RAIL BOOKINGS

CAR HIRE AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS

ALL ENQUIRIES WELCOME

Cable; OMANUNITED
Telex: MB 215
Tel: 62295

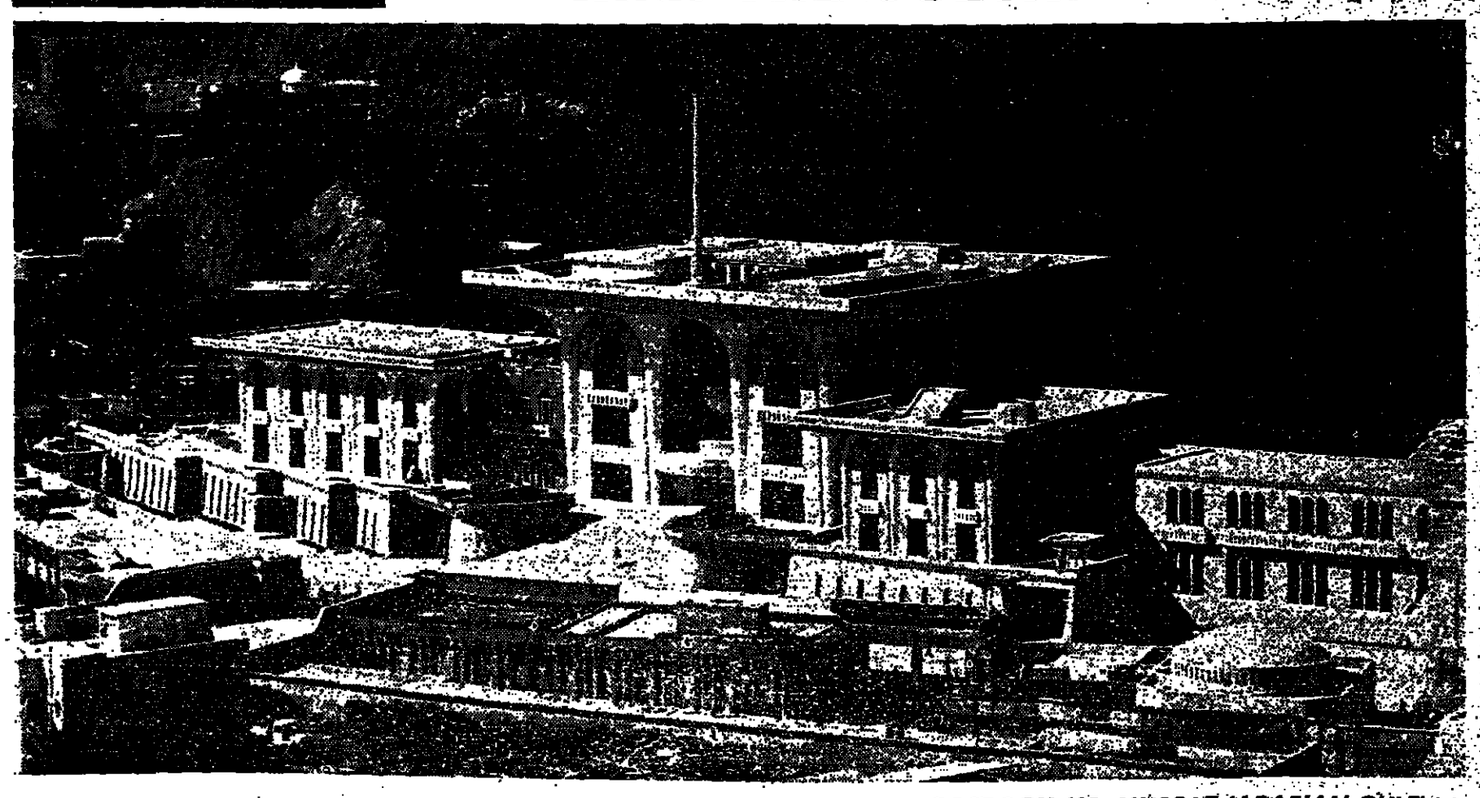
P.O. Box 70
MUSCAT
SULTANATE OF OMAN

SP

SHAPOORJI PALLONJI & CO. (PVT.) LTD.

BUILDERS OF THE ROYAL PALACE AT MUSCAT FOR

H.M. THE SULTAN OF OMAN



SHAPOORJI PALLONJI & CO. (PVT.) LTD.

INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS DIVISION

ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS

POST BOX 601, MUSCAT (ARABIAN GULF)
PHONE: 2494 GRAMS: "GINFRAME" MUSCAT
TELEX: 345 GINFRAME
REGISTERED OFFICE: BOMBAY, INDIA

Ancient dignity unchanged in a modern jacket

by Norma Ashworth

The traditional dress of Omanis could be taken as the intrinsic clue to the roles of the sexes. Public finery belongs to the men, who are the sole holders of acknowledged authority and official power; the anonymity of black robes, which cover even the faces entirely, and are the accepted dress of women, reflects an apparent status of subjugation.

Yet for each there is a paradox. A man's usual clothing is basically simple and egalitarian—a white gown (a *dishdash*) in the same style for shaikh or for commoner. Only from the quality of the cloth and the richness of embellishments (cloaks, turbans and silver armoury) is rank inferred.

For all Oman men appearance is vastly important and an air of grave dignity is essential if etiquette is to be observed. Authority in gatherings of men is accorded by strict adherence to rank, but even a casual observer would notice how distinctive are the variations of cloaks and turbans for the members of leading families.

One cannot say that, once a man is relaxed in his own house, the accessories of outdoor wear removed, he abandons authority, but the domestic centre-stage is certainly shared. Just as a woman's black robe (an *abaya*) hints at discreet opulence when a gleam of jewelry shows through the filmy folds, the woman conceals her considerable power from strangers.

Neither the splendour of her dress nor the measure of her standing in the household as mother, wife or one of several wives, can ever be accurately gauged by a westerner, but it is well known that Oman women have little need of emancipation. Of all the Middle East countries recently enriched through oil resources, Oman is credited with the most rapid assimilation of women into modernization schemes.

Inevitably, the changed style of life in the past five years has encouraged the younger women to change their style of dress and to leave off their veils. They have not, however, adopted a completely European type of dress, preferring to adapt the tunics and trousers which were always worn under the cloaks to fashionable designs and fabrics.

The Sultan has made it a rule for Oman men working in government departments to wear Oman dress when they are on duty but the rule is more flexible for women. They tend to dress as foreign women are requested to dress; that is, modestly covered from neck to hem.

Fashion influences from other countries were rare in Oman until recent years. Few are traceable, even from the days when Oman's ships travelled far abroad and the ports of Muscat, Muttrah, Sohar and Sur were trading posts, filled with foreign goods.

Regional costumes of the different tribes remain today as they are thought to have been for centuries—simple variations on the layering of cotton trousers, skirts and flowing scarves for the women, the plain *dishdash* for the men. Away from the coastal areas women do not wear the all-enveloping *abaya* but will cover their features with either masks or veils, the masks often strangely beaked, resembling the heads of falcons.

Generalizing about the costumes of Oman is acceptable only if one excludes Dhofar. The most southerly province is in all things different from the rest of the country and is thought by many to have a wayward charm linking it more to other countries with a shared monsoon climate than to the rest of Arabia.

The Dhofar national dress of the women is always extravagantly embroidered and many old ones in









Women from Sharqia; right: a girl from the Batina coast; top left: a shepherd spins wool from his own sheep; and, right, a *wali*, local representative of the Sultan.

sumptuous velvets and silks are as brilliant as new. A comparison with other clothes of the East would suggest a Turkish trend, especially as a *fez-like cap* festooned with jewelry is sometimes worn. The dress is tent-shaped with wide sleeves, a square open neckline and a hem which is higher in the front than at the back to afford a glimpse of embroidered trousers or bare legs (enough to scandalize Muscat women).

The most colourfully dressed people in Oman are the Beluchi women and children whose gaudy cotton draperies are visible across miles of desert sand. As a part of the large number of immigrant Omanis who, after more than a century's settlement in Oman, the Beluch, Baharini and Hyderabad people are not yet considered to be totally integrated, they share styles of dress with the people of Iran, Pakistan, India and Iraq.

It is interesting to see that the large cotton rectangles which they use for their costumes and which today are as likely to come from China and Japan as from India are patterned with designs recognized in most parts of the world as African.

The reason for *kanga* cloth's sharing two cultures is the influence of Islam in much African art. Koranic inscriptions and cabalistic symbols are known to have been introduced to northern Africa early in the eighteenth century when the only skilled printers and dyers of cloth were itinerant Muslims.

The ancient methods of dyeing, particularly with indigo, a plant which grows profusely in central Oman, are still used, although some coloured yarns are nowadays imported from India for the weaving industry. Weaving is one of the oldest skills in Oman, where cotton was once a profitable crop exported to other parts of Arabia.

Although cotton is no longer grown, the woven cloth used chiefly for men's sarongs (worn under the *dishdash* or by labourers) is produced in sufficient quantities on old hand-looms to supply the discerning.

Cheap copies, with the traditional blue and white pattern and crimson border, nowadays flow in to the *suks* from China. Japan has had an even wider influence on the men's *dishdash* which at its smartest is seen more often in an imported synthetic which rivals the white cotton (once deemed the only suitable cloth of purity for pilgrims making the *haj* to Mecca).

The Persian wife of an early Oman ruler is credited with introducing the Kashmir turban, worn with such distinction, either pleated regularly by gentlemen on formal occasions in Muscat or wound negligently on to the head of a tribesman from the interior. Two other headdresses are equally typical in Oman—the intricately folded turban of crisp white cotton which, once perfectly formed, will keep its shape when removed from the head, and the eyeleted skull cap (*dumma*) of stiff cotton embroidered in individual patterns.

It used to be the women who embroidered the skull caps, always devising intricate designs and never duplicating them, but in recent times the Indian tailors in the suk have been creating the designs on treadle sewing machines. It is not unusual to see strings of caps for sale, linked by a line through eyelet holes at prices ranging from the equivalent of £4 to £15, depending upon the workmanship. Collectors of silver jewelry look for, but rarely find, the small, sharp silver picks used for eyelet ing and which women wear on chatelaines with collections of keys and amulets.

Headscarves (*kaffiyah*) of the type worn with tasselled cords (*aqal*) in other parts of Arabia and much of Asia Minor are not common in Oman. The chequered ones of red or blue with white worn by the services were introduced from Jordan and are now a standard part of military dress, but otherwise it is the embroidered Kashmir square which is worn either folded as a turban or draped across the shoulders.

European dress has had scant impact on Oman, with the exception of the growing habit of wearing suit jackets over the *dishdash* in cooler weather and on many formal occasions. The travelled Omani, who is accustomed to wearing western clothes during trips abroad, will have tailored jackets of finest cloth bought in the capitals of Europe. The local Omani makes his choice in the suk from racks of suit jackets imported from India and Pakistan and never with matching trousers.

European shoes and socks are worn more nowadays for the purely practical reason that they are easier to drive in and for walking on modern pavements. Desert boots also are slowly replacing the sandal for sale in the market place. The most popular of them are imported from Czechoslovakia and China. The market shoemaker can still be persuaded to make goat or camel-hide sandals but he is generally busiest converting discarded motor tyres into thonged "flip-flops", which are snapped up as bargains by travellers from the interior.

It is these desert travellers on their journeys to the coastal towns who give the most vivid impression of the colourful dress which typifies the peasant life of Oman. They travel either by Land-Rover or lorry, under chintz canopies and on mounds of brightly coloured cushions.

The open lorries have an almost ceremonial air with trellised ironwork sides wrought in open patterns of Arabesques and Islamic symbols, painted in a variety of colours. The mixture of costumes and headscarves can be dazzling, especially if there are children among the passengers.

For them the shiniest and gaudiest of fabrics are made into dresses, jackets and close-fitting caps (very similar to Tudor bonnets) superimposed with stitchin in gold and silver threa Their eyes are ringed wi kohl, their faces painte with saffron and their ha caked with henna and the is the added glitter anklets, bracelets, nec laces, rings and hair orn ments.

Although the only precise recognizable form of dre in Oman which could taken as national remai the *dishdash* worn wi either of two types of t ban, a fine gold or silv edged cloak (a *bisht*) and decorated dagger (*khanj* at the waist, there could disagreement.

Tribal differences whi extend to dress are s apparent and which is truly traditional of the vari tions seen even within capital, no one can say least there is no argum that, for formal occasio the dress of members of Government is the one gives Omanis distinct among the variously ro representatives of oth Arab nations.

THE MIDDLE EAS

Subscribe to The Middle East magazine, which provides every month, the world's most respected and best-informed coverage of the affairs of the whole region. Sample copy on request.

To: The Middle East, 17-18 Hendrick St., London WC Telephone: 01-836 4221/2

Please enter my subscription | Surface Airmail
☐ For 1 year | £5.00 | £9.0
☐ For 3 years | £13.00 | £25.0
I enclose payment of
Name
Address

TIMES NEWSPAPERS LIMITED, 1975 Printed and Published by Times Newspapers Limited at New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EZ, England. Telephone: 01-837 1234. Tuesday November 18, 1975.